

The Times Wishes Everyone A Merry Christmas

U.S. FARM BOARD ADVOCATES IMPORT EMBARGO ON WHEAT

New Crossing Rules For U.S. Border Are Sought By Canada

Canadian Towns Along Detroit River Assured by Premier Bennett Legation at Washington Will Press Request U.S. Government Lift Restrictions Which Now Are Preventing Many Crossing Daily From Ontario to Work on United States Side of Boundary.

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 24.—Delegates from the Border Cities Chamber of Commerce returned from Ottawa to-day with hopes action soon would be taken to solve the difficulties arising from the strict rules United States officials are now enforcing which are preventing many persons who live on the Ontario side of the Detroit River from crossing the border daily and working on the United States side.

After they had stated their case to cabinet ministers in Ottawa yesterday they were given an assurance by Premier Bennett the problems growing out of the restrictions imposed by the United States on commuters from Windsor to Detroit would be taken up with the Government of the United States through the Canadian charge d'affaires at Washington.

FIGURES QUOTED
The delegation, an influential group of citizens, charged the spirit of an understanding reached in 1927, whereby commuters were to be permitted to continue their employment in Detroit under certain conditions, had been violated. The number of commuters had fallen from 15,000 in that year to only 6,500 last January. "Civic departments discharged," said the delegation, "the Canadian charge d'affaires at Washington, December, 1930, the number of commuters had declined to 3,600, and it is shrinking rapidly every day."

BIG INVENTIONS OF FUTURE TO GUARD HEALTH

Thomas A. Edison Foresees Strides Forward in Prevention of Disease

Aged United States Inventor Gives His Views in Christmas Statement

New York, Dec. 24.—Thomas A. Edison to-day said the outstanding inventions of the future would be in the field of health and that inventors would be biologists and chemists.

"Mr. Edison replied to a questionnaire from The Review of Reviews, Edison himself is famous for his questionnaires."

"Sickness is pretty hard on the working man now," said the eighty-four-year-old wizard of Menlo Park. "It is hard for them to get a good doctor, and proper care is expensive. There is too much sickness. Something will have to be done about it, and that is where biology and chemistry come in."

PLOT TO END DICTATORSHIP IN JUGOSLAVIA

Belgrade, Yugoslavia, Dec. 24.—Seventeen high Yugoslavian officers were arrested to-day in suspicion of membership in an alleged secret league directed against King Alexander and the dictatorship.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Is there a Santa Claus?
Why, of course there is.
Personified kindness
Is the soul that is his.

Do we see Santa Claus?
Why, of course we do.
The God of young children.
The love that proved true.

—JOHN HANSEN RHODES
Author, "Random Thoughts of a Man at Fifty."

SAYS CHICAGO TO BE TOO HOT FOR GANGSTERS



Above is a picture of Judge John H. Lyle of Chicago, who is given great credit for his part in reviving the city's fight against gangsters. By setting high bail figures and handing out stiff sentences, Judge Lyle has done much to further his avowed intention of ending the underworld's reign in Chicago.

MANY KILLED IN ARGENTINE EARTHQUAKE

La Poma, in Salta State, Destroyed By Shocks To-day; Relief Rushed to Scene

Quake Felt in Town of Salta; Excitement Among Inhabitants of That Town

Salta, Argentina, Dec. 24.—The town of La Poma was reported destroyed by an earthquake early to-day. The authorities here organized a relief expedition, which left this morning. The quake was felt strongly in Salta and there was some panic among the inhabitants.

The report from La Poma said many of the inhabitants had been killed. La Poma is a small town in the Andes only a short distance from Salta. This city is the capital of the state of Salta in northwestern Argentina.

DAMAGE REPORTED
San Antonio de Los Cobres, Argentina, Dec. 24.—Earth shocks lasting eight seconds were felt early this morning. They caused slight damage, but no casualties were reported.

Disorder Charges To Be Heard In Terminal City

President Hoover's Christmas Action Restores Civil Rights to W. McCray

Washington, Dec. 24.—The pardoning by President Hoover of Warren McCray, former Governor of Indiana, was announced to-day at the Justice Department.

McCray was released from the Atlanta Penitentiary in 1927 after completing one-third of his ten-year term for using the mails to defraud. The President's action has the effect of restoring the civil rights of the former Indiana Governor.

Before his conviction, McCray was a millionaire cattle breeder and landowner, with a national reputation as a gentleman farmer.

STAR OF BETHLEHEM FEATURE AT THE BERLIN PLANETARIUM

Berlin, Dec. 24.—The star that shone over Bethlehem will be "reconstructed" for Christmas this evening at the Berlin Planetarium, where an elaborate Zeiss apparatus projects hundreds of heavenly bodies on a big darkened inner cupola to represent the firmament at night.

Of three popular theories explaining the phenomenon of the Star of Bethlehem the third has been chosen for illustration at the Planetarium, namely that the great light seen in the skies was produced by conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn, which astronomers of the period noted about the time of Christ's birth as appearing in the constellation.

A large audience is expected to watch this evening while the star effect is produced at the Planetarium, an electrically operated machine slowly bringing the two planetary representations into conjunction, producing an intensified radiance in the sky which may have been when the Three Wise Men from the east followed it to worship at the manger.

Christmas Greetings

Heartiest wishes to all for a happy Christmas and expressions of optimism for the future after this year's depression are conveyed in greetings to the public extended by prominent men to-day. The messages follow:

"Yuletide is again with us. From time immemorial and in all lands and by all people, this season has been marked by rejoicing and merry-making. To us it also brings the message of peace and goodwill toward men, a message never more urgent than to-day, for world-wide want and distress encircle our kindly earth and even invade our own prosperous Canada."

"In our Province, blest with a generous people, we can rest assured that every care will be taken of both our unemployed and our needy."

"Let us this Christmas test the truth of the saying that true happiness is only found in giving happiness to others. Let us count our blessings rather than dwell upon our adversities."

"To one and all I wish the age-old greeting, 'A MERRY CHRISTMAS.'"
(Signed) "R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,
"Lieutenant-Governor."

PREMIER'S OPTIMISTIC GREETING

"This year one's wishes for a Merry Christmas are tempered by the reflection that in many homes Christmas will be none too merry, but there seems every reason to believe that our wishes will be realized for a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Signs are everywhere apparent that Nineteenth-century optimism will usher in a revival, and there is a note of optimism that augurs well for an early resumption of our normal activities."

"A blatant, baseless optimism—what might be termed a 'back-slapping' optimism—is the poorest kind of tonic in times like these, as dangerous in its way as persistent pessimism. But an optimistic view of what the future holds for British Columbia is abundantly justified by every sign and signal of the times."

"Broadly speaking, we have endured the ordeal of the past year remarkably well. In many directions business has not been satisfactory, but in the main we have less cause for complaint than other people, and have suffered less in this than in previous recessions. The hectic activity of 1929 produced conditions which it has taken time to correct. There are strong indications that these are rapidly being adjusted. Accumulated stocks everywhere are being liquidated, congested markets relieved, and soon we shall begin to resume our normal gait of sane expansion and development, and to enjoy what it is hoped will be a more general and more lasting prosperity than ever before."

"World trade is shifting from the eastern to the western seaboard, and in the restless stirrings of the Orient, with its awakening aspirations and advancing conceptions, lies the next great industrial and commercial opportunity. With her vast natural resources of the very fundamentals upon which industry lives and thrives, her superb industrial climate, her strategic position, her facilities and her opportunities, British Columbia stands to develop upon the threshold of her great industrial epoch, upon the doorstep of her Golden Age."

"Take heart and courage, then, and face the future with confidence undiminished. Let us supplement our boundless endowment by unity of purpose and unity of effort, make common cause for the advancement of our Province and our Dominion, and by God's grace and our own courage, confidence and patience, we shall win through to a glorious heritage and an enduring place in the sun."

"On behalf of the Government of British Columbia, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year."

"S. P. TOLMIE, Premier."

CANADA'S FORTUNATE POSITION

With ever increasing social complexities, there never was a time when exemplification of the Christmas spirit was more essential than it is to-day. It is well that we should wish, each other well, not merely our few intimate acquaintances, but all men.

"Canada is probably in as fortunate a position as any country on earth, but that is not enough. No longer can nations live to themselves alone, and only by the individuals comprising nations attuning their hearts to fraternal consideration for the welfare of others, can there be attained universal peace on earth, good will towards men."

"That this spirit is gaining ground in the world I firmly believe, and if this be true, we have reason indeed to be of good cheer at this Christmas tide."

"I feel sure that every needy case in the city will be reached this Christmas tide, and some measure of relief given to every home where the breadwinner has been unable to provide even the necessities of life, owing to sickness or lack of employment."

"It is in this spirit of charity and good will that we can wish each other in all sincerity 'A Happy Christmas.'"

"H. ANSCOMB, Mayor."

RED MOVIES ARE BARRED IN QUEBEC

Films Seized Are Said to Be Thinly Disguised Communist Propaganda

Rosny, Que., Dec. 24.—Two moving picture films exhibited in a local theatre under the auspices of a Ukrainian society were seized and to-day were on the way to Quebec for examination. It is alleged the picture plays masquerading as entertainment are in reality thinly veiled Communist propaganda and were passed by the provincial board of censors under a misrepresentation.

The films were exhibited by a man by the name of Romanoff, who is now under arrest, but whose case was remanded until the next session of the police court a month from now. In the meantime the Attorney-General is investigating.

HIS REPUBLICAN MOVE MAKES HIM EXILE FROM SPAIN



Most of the men imprisoned in Spain during the recent attempt to stage a revolution have been released, but Ramon Franco of transatlantic plane flight fame, is still in Portugal, where he fled by plane when the uprising he stirred up at Madrid failed. Above is reproduced one of his latest photos.

PLAN QUOTA WHEAT BUYING FOR BRITAIN

No Definite Allotment For Each of Dominions Expected in New Scheme

London Daily Express Says MacDonald Preparing Measure For Commons

Canadian Press

London, Dec. 24.—The British Government is understood by The London Daily Express to be preparing legislation for quota purchasing of wheat for the British market, following generally on the lines discussed at the recent Imperial Conference.

Details of the bill which is said to be under way are not known as yet. It is forecast, however, that it will first set forth a percentage of British-grown wheat to be taken by millers; secondly, the percentage that millers must secure from the wheat-growing members of the British Commonwealth of Nations; and thirdly, set out that percentage, or remainder of market requirements, which may be secured from foreign countries.

As was known at the time of the Conference, the British Government will not attempt to divide the Empire quota between the different Dominions. Besides Canada, wheat is grown in large quantities in Australia, South Africa, India and New Zealand. Neither will the supplies from foreign sources be divided in any way.

The special economic committee of the Imperial Conference reported such a plan was practicable, because wheat purchasing was conducted along well-defined commercial channels.

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Prof. Einstein To Lecture at Oxford

London, Dec. 24.—Professor Albert Einstein, German mathematician, has accepted the invitation of the vice-chancellor of Oxford University to become the Rhodes Memorial Lecturer for the year 1930-31.

The appointment will involve his living in Oxford during the next summer term. The subject of his lectures has not been announced.

The appointment is particularly significant, it is pointed out here, in view of the return of German scholars to the list of Rhodes scholarship eligibles only last year after an interruption brought about by the Great War.

Planes And Dog Teams Displace Santa's Reindeer In North Country

Weeks ago, most of the Christmas bundles started their journey into the north. From the Pas, in northern Manitoba, packages were hurried up the Churchill line of the rumbling "muskies." By dog team packages were borne from the flag-stops to isolated posts. By plane, they sped to Baker Lake, 1,000 miles north of Winnipeg, and farther on.

Santa's "Donner and Blitzen" do no business in the north country, but the primitive sled-dogs and the modern airplane handle the job to perfection.

NEW MOVE TO PREVENT U.S. WHEAT SLUMP

With Domestic Price of Wheat in Republic Substantially Above General World Price Level, Chairman Legge, of Farm Board, Suggests Congress Pass Legislation Enforcing Temporary Embargo; Fears Flood of Wheat From Canada.

FIREMEN HURT IN BOSTON IN BLAZE TO-DAY

Brigade Fights Fire in Seven-story Building Two Hours Before Control Gained

Work of Men Hampered By Explosions, Dense Smoke and Narrow Streets

Boston, Dec. 24.—One fireman was severely injured, several sustained minor injuries and burns, and more than a dozen were overcome during a fire on the outskirts of the leather district of Boston to-day. The origin of the blaze is unknown.

The loss is estimated at \$100,000. Five alarms were sounded, bringing every available piece of downtown fire apparatus to the scene, before the fire in the seven-story brick building at 11 Columbia Street was brought under control, two hours after it had been discovered.

Narrow streets, hot air explosions and dense smoke combined to hamper the firemen in their work.

FINE WEATHER FOR CHRISTMAS FORECAST HERE

No Howling Gales Expected to Repeat Yuletide Storm of 1929 in City

December Marching on to New Dry Record in Annals at Local Observatory

No howling winds will awaken Victorians this Christmas morning as a reminder of last year when a storm, which reached a velocity of seventy-two miles an hour, raged over the city, it was stated by F. Napier Denison, superintendent of the Gonzales Hill Observatory, this morning. While the territory to the south and north is lashed by extremely strong southwest winds, which promise to maintain their velocity throughout the night, Victoria will rest in a state of comparative calm and will have fair and mild weather, according to readings on the barometer.

As Victorians look forward to a fine Christmas, December will be marching along to a new dry record in the annals at the local observatory. To date only .72 inches of rain has fallen this December, against 4.19 inches for the final month of 1929. On Christmas Day, last year, 19 inches of rain fell but no precipitation is looked for to-morrow.

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RIOTS IN FORD RUBBER FIELDS IN BRAZIL

New York, Dec. 24.—A message from Para, Brazil, to Pan-American Airways headquarters in New York, said a Pan-American plane had been sent to the Ford rubber plantation, at the request of the Brazilian government, on reports there had been trouble there with native laborers.

The plane left Para at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. At the time the message was sent there were reports at Para that no lives had been lost, but that there had been considerable property damage.

MAGISTRATE IS TO ANSWER CAR CHARGE BEFORE MAGISTRATE

Oshawa, Ont., Dec. 24.—Wanted, a magistrate. The Ontario Attorney-General's Department has been asked to name a magistrate to preside over a police court session at which Magistrate Purdy of Port Perry will be tried on a charge of reckless driving, following an accident when Purdy's car is alleged to have collided with one driven by Harry Edgerton of Port Perry.

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Candied Cheese, per lb. 25c

Swiss Premium Ham, Christmas wrapped, per lb. 33c

Cottage Rolls, per lb. 25c

Streaky Breakfast Bacon, by the piece, per lb. 25c

Picnic Ham, per lb. 20c

Snowflake Flour, 10-lb. sack 43c

Crisco, 5-lb. tin 75c

Peas, size 4, per tin 10c

Big Special—Excellent Quality

Mixed Nuts, per lb. 25c

Soft Shelled Walnuts, per lb. 25c

Dedicated Coconut, 2 lbs. for 35c

Shelled Walnuts, per lb. 35c

Fresh Mince-meat, 2 lbs. for 35c

Lemon or Orange Peel, per lb. 15c

Cape Cod Cranberries, 2 lbs. for 35c

Bonner's Cluster Table Raisins, 2 packets for 35c

Tea, Blue Ribbon or Malin's Best, 1-lb. packet 44c

S.O. Sugar, 10-lb. cotton sack 63c

Candy, Christmas Mixture, 2 lbs. for 25c

Shelly's Pantry Fruit Cake, per lb. 25c

Tomatoes, large 2 1/2 tins, 2 tins for 25c

Pineapple, sliced, 3 large tins for 25c

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Picnic Ham, per lb. 20c

Snowflake Flour, 10-lb. sack 43c

Crisco, 5-lb. tin 75c

Peas, size 4, per tin 10c

Big Special—Excellent Quality

Mixed Nuts, per lb. 25c

Soft Shelled Walnuts, per lb. 25c

Dedicated Coconut, 2 lbs. for 35c

Shelled Walnuts, per lb. 35c

Fresh Mince-meat, 2 lbs. for 35c

Lemon or Orange Peel, per lb. 15c

Cape Cod Cranberries, 2 lbs. for 35c

Bonner's Cluster Table Raisins, 2 packets for 35c

Tea, Blue Ribbon or Malin's Best, 1-lb. packet 44c

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Today's crowd came largely in automobiles and to pay, not a tax, but a tribute to the Child who was born here on this Christmas Day.

PATRARCH THERE

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FORMER CHINA WAR LEADER ON WAY TO JAPAN

Yen Hsi-shan Never Wants to Return to Scenes of Triumph and Disaster, He Says

Tokio, Dec. 24.—The arrival at Dai-ri of Yen Hsi-shan, former Chinese warlord, was reported to-day in a Dai-ri dispatch to the Rengo News Agency.

The dispatch said Yen had traveled from Tientsin, seeking refuge, and said he would continue on to Japan shortly and hoped thereafter to visit the United States and Europe. Yen was quoted as saying he did not desire ever to return to China.

As the "model governor" of Shansi Province, Yen arose to an outstanding position in Chinese politics. Until 1927 the Shansi regime was independent of the central government, but in that year Yen adhered to the Nationalist cause when General Feng Yu-hsiang led an army out of the neighboring Shansi Province against the Nanking regime.

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CHRISTMAS SEES MINE WORKERS IN YUKON BUSY

Dawson City, Yukon Territory, Dec. 24.—Canadians who think the Yukon spends its Christmas in near darkness are far off in their views. On the shortest day of the year the sun sets at 9:49 a.m. and sets at 2:06 p.m., giving a daylight period from about 9 o'clock till 3 o'clock, and because of the clear weather and white snow, Yukoners probably do not burn any more, if as much, artificial light, than cities along the Pacific Coast as far south as parts of the United States, where rain and hazy weather mark a great deal of the winter.

Dawson City itself is cut off by hills from a direct view of the sun, but other centres get a clear view. Of course, it is a land of long shadows, because of the low lying of the sun across the sky.

This is not a country of heavy or drifting snow. There is little wind and the snow falls to a depth of about two feet.

The airplane has made Dawson City, Mayo and Whitehorse next door neighbors, but without it there is other communication than that of dogteams. Heavy double-wheeled trucks maintain a semi-weekly motor service between the three centres, and motor cars run the year around.

The territory has a population of about 3,500, with about 800 people here, 600 in Whitehorse and 1,000 in Mayo. Silver and lead mining goes on underground during the winter, but the dredges which are gathering placer gold from the streams, are idle until the spring break-up.

The country is highly mineralized and the prospects are bright for future developments of great wealth. The fall in the price of silver is felt just now, but the mines are stated to be operating at a profit.

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KING ZOG MAY SOON HAVE CROWN, SAY HIS SUBJECTS

Boston, Dec. 24.—Zog the First, Albania's self-made king, is without a royal crown and some of his subjects think the country should get him one, according to Dr. James L. Barton, president of the Near East Relief, who has just returned from a tour of the Balkan states.

Zog, or Ahmed Zogu as he was known before his rise to royalty, was the Moslem chief of the tribe of Nati, whose army ousted Premier Noli several years ago. He established a dictatorship and two years ago was elected king of a country with a population equal to that of Montreal.

While Zog rules, crownless, many Albanians, Dr. Barton said, were thinking of the famous Scanderberg Crown, which vanished from the country some 800 years ago, after the nation had been conquered by the Turks. It is supposed to be now in Vienna, he said, and there has been some talk in Albania about trying to get it back.

"It evidently was pawned some time and the ticket long since lost," Dr. Barton said.

Liquor Board Of
Saskatchewan Is
Defendant in Suit

Regina, Dec. 24.—Holding the Saskatchewan Liquor Board is a corporation to all practical purposes and cannot be considered directly a part of the Saskatchewan Government, Mr. Justice G. E. Taylor in a written judgment released yesterday after hearing in the Court of King's Bench Chambers at Regina allowed the appeal of J. F. Bole, Regina, against a judgment of the Master in Chambers in favor of the Bank of Montreal and the Saskatchewan Liquor Board.

That was the first time a question of the Liquor Board being directly under the government and therefore entitled to the protection of the Crown had been raised. As a result of the court's decision, Bole is entitled to proceed with his action to garnish the liquor board. L. McRobinson, counsel for Bole, won his case on the ground that though the board is not expressly made a corporation in the Saskatchewan Liquor Act, there is the implication that it is such.

Paris, Dec. 24.—The Council of Ministers yesterday filled several vacancies caused by recent resignations. Maurice Doreman was made Minister of Pensions; Ernest Breant, Under-Secretary of State for the Interior; Etienne Charlot, Under-Secretary for Agriculture; Jacques Stern, Under-Secretary for the Navy; and Pierre Tricard, Under-Secretary for Physical Education.

The government renewed for six years the mandate of Gabrielle Hanotaux to the Permanent Court at The Hague, and it awarded the Cross of the Legion of Honor to the corps of firemen at Lyons for gallantry in the recent landslide disaster.

CHRISTMAS IS OBSERVED BY HOHENZOLLERNS

Wood Chopper at Doorn Sees Great Difference Between 1930 and 1913

Doorn, Holland, Dec. 24.—Germany's first Christmas festival was observed this evening over Doorn House, but the master, known the world over in his days of prosperity as Kaiser Wilhelm, sang carols unaccompanied by any of his children, who are spending the holiday season at their own residences.

Exactly reminiscent of seventeen Christmases ago, when the palace at Berlin was one of the gayest in Europe, Hohenzollern's "court" this evening consisted of the wives and children of the "retainers" who have remained with him, some eighty in all, and the four children of his ex-royal consort.

Each servant and wife and child on the place was remembered by the former Kaiser's Frau, ex-Princess Hermine, who personally selected the gifts, distributing them from off trees sent from Germany for the occasion by loyal adherents of the fallen monarch.

USEFUL GIFTS
In no Dutch fisherman's hut is more secrecy observed as to the nature of gifts exchanged than between members of the former royal family, but they generally are what is known as "useful." Many are the products of the former Kaiser's own factory at Cadinen, near Elbing, and are high-class pottery after designs by Hohenzollern himself. After distribution of the presents the servants departed, leaving Hohenzollern and his wife alone.

On Christmas the servants, whom Hohenzollern still calls "retainers," will gather again and the former Kaiser again will read to them from the New Testament. On New Year's Day a German evangelical minister from Germany will conduct a service and administer the sacrament to the rapidly greying woodchopper of Doorn.

MOVE TO END
HOME COOKING
IN SOVIET LAND

New York, Dec. 24.—Plans for stimulation of socialism food distribution in Soviet Russia looking toward abolition of home cooking are contained in a resolution of the central committee of the Communist Party and not in the form of a decree as erroneously reported by the Associated Press Monday.

THIRTEEN START PRISON TERMS AT CHRISTMAS

Members of Group Jailed in Manitoba to Be Given Lashes

Stony Mountain, Man., Dec. 24.—Prison-clad, the "Unlucky 13" are in the Stony Mountain penitentiary today, awaiting their first Christmas dinner as "guests" of the genial warden, Col. William Melgren.

Youths who last year were at the home firesides had followed the veterans of banditry, some bank robbers and others members of armed gangs who had terrorized shopkeepers and householders in Winnipeg, only to be drawn into the net of the law and sentenced this week to long prison terms, with the added administration of the dread lash.

The "unlucky 13"—eleven convicted bandits and two self-confessed shop-breakers—arrived here yesterday and commenced terms, which aggregate eighty-two years, and they have but one thing to be thankful for this Christmas. Eleven will feel the sting of the lash—the leaders are to have twenty strokes—but even prison authorities have the Christmas spirit. This most feared punishment will be deferred until after the New Year. Lashes totaling 115 are to be administered.

Some will be behind the grey walls of Stony Mountain for a span of two years. Others will have a dozen years to serve. "Unlucky 13" is the name they adopted while waiting in the provincial jail for transfer to the prison of long terms.

All could have appealed their sentences, which would have given them an additional thirty days at the provincial jail, but they waived this preference and to-morrow Christmas dinner at the penitentiary will be their fare.

UNION TO PAY
NO DAMAGES,
COURT RULES

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Finding labor unions have no legal entity and that judgments for damages cannot therefore be given against them, the Supreme Court of Canada yesterday dismissed the appeal in the case of Society Brand Clothes against the Amalgamated Workers of America.

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Courtenay
Special to The Times
Courtenay, Dec. 24.—Courtenay Assembly No. 3, Native Sons of Canada, held a very successful whist drive and dance in the Native Sons' Hall Friday evening. Fifty-three tables were in play, the prizes being won as follows:

Ladies' first prize, a turkey, won by Miss Brown; ladies' second prize, a goose, won by Miss Mina Lloyd; ladies' consolation, a chicken, won by Margaret Chalmers; gent's first prize, turkey, won by Walter Scott; gent's second prize, goose, won by J. Burton; gent's consolation, won by Mr. Urquhart. The ladies' traveling prize was won by Mrs. William Woods of Cumberland, and the gentlemen's traveling prize by Frank McPherson.

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Joe E. Brown, who has become the
foremost comedian in pictures since
the advent of the talkies, heads the
list as the star of the production, and
is credited with having given a fun-
nier performance than he did in the
comedy riot, "Top Speed."**Where To Go To-night**As Advertised
ON THE SCREEN
Capitol—Joe E. Brown in "Going
Wild."
Coliseum—"Inside the Lines," with
Betty Compson.
Columbia—"High Society Blues,"
Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell.
Dominion—"Morocco," starring
Garry Cooper.
Playhouse—"Our Blushing Brides,"
starring Joan Crawford.
Crystal Garden—Swimming, Dan-
cing and Miniature Golf.**DOROTHY SEBASTIAN
AT THE PLAYHOUSE
WITH JOAN CRAWFORD**Dorothy Sebastian's feet are so tiny
that they had to nail metal soles on
them for a sound "closeup" of her
tripping up a flight of stairs for "Our
Blushing Brides." Joan Crawford's new
starring vehicle now showing at the
Playhouse Theatre. In filming the
scene, technicians complained to Di-
rector Harry Beaumont that they
couldn't pick up the clatter of her
feet in the microphone. The metal
soles satisfied the demands of the re-
cording instruments.**'MARIGOLD' TO
ATTRACT MANY
TO THE ROYAL**Holiday Audiences Expected
To-morrow Evening to View
First Performance"Marigold," that much heralded
Scottish comedy, that had long and
successful runs in London and
New York, will open its Victoria
Theatre to-morrow evening, when
a large holiday audience is expected
to witness the first performance.
"Marigold" will also be presented
at the Royal Victoria on Friday
and Saturday evenings, and a treat
is in store for all those who plan
to make a visit to the Royal this
week as part of their Christmas
celebration.Dating back to 1842 and set in Scot-
land, "Marigold" attains its humor
through burlesque of manners and the
type of wit that obviously has en-
dured, rather than through the "wis-
cracking" of one day which is entirely
pointless the next.
Scottish economy opposed by the
Scottish wives in the play, and mid-
Victorian manners, burlesqued in re-
lation to our present-day standards,
have produced a combination for com-
edy in "Marigold" that is really amus-
ing.And with the comedy is the fun of
seeing nineteenth century characters
pop to life.
The entire English company which
played in London for two years, takes
part in the performance here. Sophie
Stewart is charming as the adorable,
impish, innocent miss who casts aside
Victorian convention with a highly
amusing impudence. As Mrs. Pringle,
wife of the minister, Jean Clyde is
human and enjoyable. Her natural
Scottish manners given her scenes with
genuine reality.
Altogether, the "Marigold" players
present a performance that touches
just the right spot in Scotsmen.
Those who are not Scotch may also
enjoy the pleasant performance of a
clean play that is cleverly written.**ADOLPHE MENJOU AND
GARY COOPER NOW AT
DOMINION THEATRE**The talking screen has found its
voice of love in "Morocco," in which
Garry Cooper, Marlene Dietrich and
Adolphe Menjou will be seen at the
Dominion Theatre, starting for three
days. An infrequent intervals the mo-
tion picture industry produces a
super-picture, one achieving the rare
combination of power, sweep, artistry
and universal appeal. "Morocco" is
such a picture. It's the greatest love
drama since "The Sheik."
"Morocco" is a story of a turbulent,
fiery, all-consuming love; of a man
and a woman swept into a maelstrom
of emotions which neither of them de-
sires and neither can resist. Love is
wrung from their hearts, actually torn
from them, and the compelling dra-
matic direction of this production
sweeps all who see it along with the
master theme.**JANET GAYNOR AND
CHARLES FARRELL
AT THE COLUMBIA**In former pictures, Janet Gaynor
has either been very poor and Charles
Farrell very rich, or vice versa, or
both have been very poor. In "High
Society Blues," Fox-Movietone musical
romance, their newest vehicle which
is at the Columbia Theatre to-day,
both are unusually wealthy, although
there is a wide gap in their social
position.Miss Gaynor, a society debutante,
however, doesn't let snobbery inter-
fere with her interest in Farrell, al-
though his social position is far less
than hers.**BETTY COMPSON IS
AT THE COLISEUM
IN DRAMATIC FILM**Radio Pictures' all-talking drama,
"Inside the Lines," featuring Betty
Compson, is now at the Coliseum
Theatre.
Directed by Roy Pomeroy and
featuring a cast of English stage and
screen stars including Ralph Forbes,
Betty Carter, Reginald Sharland, Evan
Thomas, Montagu Love, Ivan Simpson
and Michael Auer, this picture repre-
sents the talkies at their greatest for
depth and power of story and charac-
terization.It is a picture of espionage during
the World War. Two German spies, a
man and a woman, meet unexpectedly
in Gibraltar, delegated to blow up the
British Mediterranean fleet. With that
as a beginning there isn't an idle
second—every scene has a gripping
situation. The climax is sudden,
dramatic and completely surprising.**ADDED TO CHRISTMAS FUND**
Seattle, Dec. 24.—A total of \$378.50
in nickels, dimes and quarters, taken
from confiscated slot machines, was
added to the Christmas fund of news-
papers here yesterday by Justice John
B. Wright. The machines were seized
recently in raids by sheriff's deputies.
Two men worked nearly two hours
pouring the coins into the hopper of a
counting machine.**ADVANCED SHARE
OF RELIEF FUND****Government Cleared Way For
Speedy Help, Says Minister
of Labor**British Columbia has been ad-
vancing money out of the provin-
cial treasury to speed up unem-
ployment relief, Hon. W. A. Mc-
Kenzie, Minister of Labor, said
yesterday in explanation of state-
ments made in Ottawa by Senator
Gideon Robertson, Minister of La-
bor.As the Federal Government had
made an appropriation for British Co-
lumbia, to be paid as agreements to
contribute their share were made be-
tween the Provincial Government and
cities and municipalities, the Provin-
cial Government felt safe in making
the grants without awaiting the final
approval of the agreements by Ot-
tawa. By doing this delay in relievingthe unemployed had been avoided, Mr.
McKenzie said.
"If accounts had to wait until they
went to Ottawa, there to be ques-
tioned, as they naturally would be," he
said, "and then be sent back for cor-
rection and once more go east for pay-
ment, the delay would be grievous. In-
stead, we have endeavored to cut away
as much red tape as possible. We have
been paying both the Dominion prop-
erty tax and the Province's share, and
will collect from Ottawa the amount of
its share of expenditures."**Langford**St. Aidan's School pupils left on
Thursday to spend the Christmas holi-
days at their respective homes.A special choir practice will be held
on Friday evening at 7.30 in St. Ma-
thew's Church.Frank Yates, who has been staying
with his grandparents, left for Van-
couver to spend the Christmas vaca-
tion with his parents, Mr. and Mrs.
Harry Yates.The pupils of St. Stephen Lodge left
on Saturday for their homes in Van-
couver to spend the Christmas vaca-
tion.**400 CHILDREN
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Margaret Mackenzie and Captain H.
Molson, A.D.C., in attendance, over 400
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Branch of the Canadian Legion at the
Foresters' Hall yesterday.His Honor expressed his pleasure at
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paid high tribute to the work of the
Legion's Auxiliary under Mrs. D.
Sheret. He was met at the door by
President, Don Macdonald, and Vice-
President, the women's
division.Comrade D. C. Holmes made an ex-
cellent Santa Claus and carried out his
important duty in a genial manner.
The programme of entertainment in-
cluded dancing by Miss Webb and
comedy turns by "Buster" Brown and
Tom Obee. Games for the children were
under the direction of Miss Yard.Arrangements for the successful func-
tion were made by Comrade Dave
Sheret, who was ably assisted by Com-
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During the holidays the King forgets the cares and vast responsibilities of state, forgets the pomp and ceremonial of court, and becomes just a family man spending a happy Christmas among his children and grandchildren. The King and Queen are spending their holiday quietly in their country home, Sandringham House, which stands in Norfolk, surrounded by rolling heath land and pine woods that sweep down to the sea. There it is that the King, free from the routine of life at Buckingham Palace, becomes a simple country gentleman.

Only the red dispatch boxes containing government papers and state documents which comes twice a day by King's messenger from London, remind him of the affairs of the Empire.

BABY PRINCESSES

Around the royal family circle Christmas Eve will be the Prince of Wales with his brothers, Princess Elizabeth, daughter of the Duke and Duchess of York, with her baby sister, the four-month-old Princess Margaret Rose, will bring the youthful spirit of boisterous happiness without which no Christmas can be complete.

The Duke of Gloucester, third son of the King, is absent from the family gathering. He is spending his Christmas on the high seas on his way back from Abyssinia where, after the coronation of Ras Tafari, he has been hunting big game.

Holly and mistletoe and gay decorations hanging in every part of the house help to keep the spirit of old-time Christmas alive. Every year the same traditional unvaried routine is carried out.

PARTY FOR SERVANTS

On Christmas Eve the King and Queen, with their children and the one or two intimate friends who are invited to the royal house party, go below stairs after dinner. From a big Christmas tree, sparkling with silver festoons and bright with many colored candles. They distribute presents to the servants and tenants on the royal estate.

This year it has been whispered that Princess Elizabeth will act as the fairy princess. For the first time she will help her grandparents to hand the presents to the King's retainers.

Folk at Wotton, the pretty little village that nestles near the great iron gates of the royal park, are all hoping that their gifts will come from her dainty hand.

VERY INFORMAL

It is all very simple, informal, and rather surprising, like a scene from a fairy tale dignified butlers and footmen, housemaids, "greenies," women, farm laborers, and gamekeepers, stepping up one by one to receive their gifts from the hands of the King and Queen and their family.

To each of them the King and Queen wishes "Happy Christmas and good luck." Back comes the greeting, often in a broad Norfolk accent, "Merry Christmas to Your Majesty, too."

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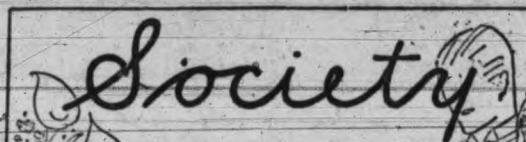
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Mr. and Mrs. Alex. McKenzie, who will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary to-morrow at their home on East Saanich Road, Saanichton. They were married in St. Stephen's Church, Mount Newton, on Christmas Day, 1880.



Captain and Mrs. Butland of Seattle will spend Christmas in Victoria and will be guests at The Angels.

Hon. S. L. Howe and Mrs. Howe, Beach Drive, have left for Vancouver to spend Christmas with friends.

Miss Martha McCorkell is spending the Christmas vacation with friends in Seattle.

Mrs. A. Porritt has gone over to Vancouver to spend Christmas as the guest of Mrs. H. T. Willis, Thurlow Street.

Mr. Douglas Cree of Chemainus will spend Christmas in Victoria as the guest of his mother, Mrs. A. Cree, Island Road, Oak Bay.

Miss Mary Ebbs-Cavanagh of the teaching staff of the Solarium is spending the holidays with her mother in Victoria.

Mrs. C. B. McAllister of Vancouver will arrive in Victoria on Friday afternoon on a visit to her brother-in-law and sister, Colonel and Mrs. Lennox Irving, Foul Bay Road.

Miss Claire Gilliland of Quenest, B.C., is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Gilliland, 1321 Johnson Street.

Mr. Henry C. Gilliland has returned from Prince Rupert to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Gilliland, 1321 Johnson Street.

Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Gordon Baker of San Carlos Avenue are spending the holiday season in Vancouver as the guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. Wentworth Clarke, Cypress Park.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. McCulloch have arrived from Vancouver to spend the Christmas season as the guests of Mr. McCulloch's mother, Mrs. G. C. McCulloch, Woodland Crescent.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Roberts motored from their home in San Rafael, Cal., to spend the Christmas season with Mrs. Roberts' father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Forbes, Sunset Avenue.

After spending the last few weeks in California, Mrs. J. A. Merrick has returned to her home in Uplands. Miss Dorothy Merrick, who accompanied her south, will remain in Beverly Hills a few weeks longer.

Miss Isobel Monteith, who has been visiting in Victoria as the guest of Mrs. Martin Wheatley, Lampson Street, has returned to Vancouver from where she will sail on the Empress of Asia in January for her home in Shanghai.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Barr of Vancouver will arrive in Victoria this evening to spend Christmas here with Mrs. Barr's mother, Mrs. Gordon Grant. While in Victoria they will be guests at The Angels.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Asser, formerly of Victoria, but lately of London, England, will regret to learn that Mrs. Asser is a few days ago in London. Mrs. Asser and their son, Jim, arrived in London last November to join Mr. Asser who had been there for some time with his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Shandley of Fairfield Road entertained yesterday evening at a delightful dance at the Empress Hotel in honor of their daughter, Miss Vida Shandley. The affair was held in the Princess Charlotte and Prince Albert private dining-rooms, and the hotel orchestra supplied the latest dance music. Miss Shandley wore a frock of chateau green moire, decorated with light-tinted bodice and long full skirt touching the floor at the back. The guests included: Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Alas McAnally, Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Nash, Mrs. C. M. Lauder, the Misses Mary Martin, Betty Bapty, Eileen D'Arcy, Kathleen Hall, Kathleen Haynes, Velda Rihet, Dorothy Elliott, Gertrude Hill, Ursula Robbins, Dorothy Mercer, Jess Johnson, Doris Rines, Pat Rines, Rowena Horsey, Alice Code, Mary Hunter, Eileen McPherson, Doris Gibson, Audrey Tooley, Kathleen Swayne, Doreen Swayne, Gwen Watkins, Sheila McBride, Phyllis Roberts, Dorothy Cameron, Helen Lindsay, Yrma Mitchell, Inez Mitchell, Peggy Gourlay, Peggy Parsons, Jean Campbell, Helen Campbell, Margaret Harris, Helen Crawford, Dorothy Warren, Dorothy Allen, Betty Allen, Kathleen Brown, Margaret Fletcher, Sybil Fraser, Evelyn Bonavia, Camela Winslow, Mildred Philpott, Mabel Brown, Jean McLaren, Frances Johnson, Margot Homer-Dixon, Doris Brown, Patsy Robinson, Wanda de Tureynowins, Joy Pearce, Grace Elliott, Lucy Heaketh (London), and others.

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MAYOR TRIES TO HALT MARATHON DANCE IN VAIN

After Twelve Days' Shuffling, Writ Issued at Texas, But Dancers Continue

Amarillo, Texas, Dec. 24.—Two days before Christmas—all over the floor, the dancers were shuffling to the tune of a snore. "Was a marathon dance, twelve days on its way, with six weary couples determined to stay. Then all of a sudden, a writ held before, Ernest O. Thompson dashed in at the door. "Avast there," he shouted, "Tis time to disband; it's all in the writ I've got here in my hand."

The steppers all scattered with slow measured tread, said one: "I'm glad, for full soon I'd be dead."

"You can't trip my trippers," the promoter protested. "Yes, I can," said the mayor. "I'll have you arrested."

So straight the promoter got out an injunction, and on went the dancers performing their function.

To the health office chiefs the mayor then ran, and they looked up the law, and they got out a ban. "These girls are working too hard and too long; they're being mistreated, and that's very wrong." Thus ran the new order and once more the feet stopped scuffling the hardwood with rhythmic beat.

But the county attorney, by name Leo Sparks, heard tell of the battle and made some remarks. He ordered the dance man released by the law, took the bit in his teeth and thrust out his jaw.

"There's no legal basis for action like this; it's justice miscarried, and the charge I'll disprove."

So with tears in their eyes and corns on their toes, the dancers resumed with the wailing of woes.

CHILDREN ENJOY MOOSE PARTY

One Hundred and Fifty at Christmas Entertainment

Temple Hall was the scene of great festivity on Tuesday evening when the women of Mooseheart Legion and Victoria Lodge No. 1390, Loyal Order of Moose, entertained 150 children. A splendid supper was served by the ladies' chapter at six o'clock. At seven-thirty the entertainment opened with a few carols by the Moose Male Choir under the leadership of W. J. Land.

Various solos, recitations and dances by the children followed, being climaxed with a comic black-face sketch put on by the Dunnett family and J. Holland.

Santa Claus' arrival at eight-thirty was hailed with great enthusiasm and gifts were distributed to every child present. A dance for the adults followed.

Oak Bay United W.M.S.—The Christmas meeting of the Oak Bay United W.M.S. was held recently at the home of Mrs. W. A. Guy, a large number of members and friends attending. Interesting reports of the past year's work were presented by the secretaries after which the election of officers took place as follows: Hon. president, Mrs. W. A. Guy; president, Mrs. J. Ferguson; first vice-president, Mrs. W. J. Graham; second vice-president, Mrs. R. H. Percival; recording secretary, Mrs. M. Gardner; treasurer, Mrs. G. Cordner; corresponding secretary, Mrs. S. H. Ormiston; Missionary Monthly secretary, Mrs. G. S. Stott; supply secretary, Mrs. N. F. Buckle; stranger's secretary, Mrs. J. H. Blyth; Associate Helper's secretary, Mrs. Marshall; Christian stewardship secretary, Mrs. W. A. Guy; temperance secretary, Mrs. R. H. Percival. During the afternoon Mrs. N. H. Collins sang a Christmas solo.

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GOLDSTREAM

Miss T. Drummond teacher at Goldstream School has left to spend the vacation at her home in Victoria.

Miss Nora Couchman, Miss Rita McKnight and Charlie Linton who have been staying in Victoria attending

High School have returned to their respective homes.

The school children of Goldstream School held a gala morning last Friday at the schoolhouse which had been prettily decorated by the pupils. A large Christmas tree was the centre of attraction from which every child received a gift.

Open New Mess At Sea Cadets' Fine Quarters

The headquarters of the Rainbow Corps Sea Cadets, in the old Rithet Building, Outer Wharf, was in holiday attire last evening in honor of the Christmas season and on the occasion of the formal opening of the petty officers' mess. The large drill hall was decked with flags and pennants, the pillars flanked with gaily decorated Christmas trees, and the ship's bell brilliantly polished, gleamed amidst the greenery. The guests were welcomed by Chief Petty Officer McQueen, president of the mess, and Petty Officer McGregor, secretary, escorted them to the newly furnished and cozy appointed mess room where they were received by Captain F. W. Tribe, Captain, Phillipson and Sub-Lieutenant Henry, and inspected the premises with much appreciative comment.

An illustrated lantern lecture on "Hongkong, Japan and the Far East" was given in the lecture hall by Captain Baylis, the fine illustrations being from photographs taken by himself and his brother while on duty in the ports shown. Among the street scenes were some remarkable pictures of the devastation wrought by the great rain storm in 1926. Capt. Baylis was warmly thanked for his address.

GENEROUS GIFTS

Refreshments were served by the Cadets and a further inspection of their new quarters was enjoyed. For the mess, some fine pictures have been presented by Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Curtis, Mrs. Niven and Capt. and Mrs. W. Hotham. The rug in tones of blue and gold is the gift of the Royal Cadets Chapter, I.O.D.E., and harmonious with the curtains and cover which are the gifts of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis, who have also presented seasonal magazines and this year's editions of the favorite "The Boys' Own Annual." The Ladies' auxiliary to the Navy League has made a most practical and valuable gift in the form of carpenter's tools; many of the boys are skilled in their use and improvements are constantly being made about the drill hall and the quarters generally.

TWO LOSE POSITIONS

Washington, Dec. 24.—Solicitor Charles A. Russell and Chief Accountant Frank V. King of the United States Power Commission yesterday were removed from office by first executive order of Chairman Smith.

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His Honor the Lieut.-Governor Says Children Cheeriest He Has Met in Province; Delightful Programme Staged by Happy Little Innates Yesterday Afternoon; Memorial Prizes Presented.

Their handicaps forgotten in the excitement of the occasion, the forty-nine little inmates of the Queen Alexandra Solarium yesterday afternoon welcomed Santa Claus and entertained a number of grown-up guests with an enthusiasm probably unequalled by any other gathering of children. To the privileged spectators was revealed a very real exemplification of the spirit of Tiny Tim as, with their enthusiasm undiminished by hampering handicaps, the youngsters threw themselves wholeheartedly into the occasion and the resounding cheers which greeted His Honor, the Lieut.-Governor, Dr. C. Wace, the popular medical superintendent, and Santa Claus, proved that, whatever their other disabilities might be, their lungs at least were lusty.

SCOUTS AND GUIDES

His Honor the Lieut.-Governor and Mrs. MacKenzie, accompanied by Capt. W. H. Molson, were received by Mrs. W. Curtis Sampson, president of the board of directors. Dr. Wace and Miss Stone, the matron, and a body-guard composed of the recently organized Boy Scout and Girl Guide troops. The guard of honor looked very smart in their new uniforms, and His Honor spoke to each one and shook hands with them.

The Scouts, who are in charge of the Cadets, are indebted to Lord Colville for their uniforms, and have been assigned, as their special duty, the care of all flags used about the yards and grounds, they being responsible for the message of greeting which hung from the flagstaff yesterday. The boys are also trained in all scoutcraft and games, with the exception of the more difficult work which requires special athleticism. The Girl Guide patrol is in charge of the Cadets, and is indebted to the Spanish Guide Company, under Miss Gable, for belts, badges and patrol emblems, and the district commissioner, Mrs. Kinloch, is donating hats.

PRETTY DECORATIONS

Throughout the institution the wards had been beautifully decorated by members of the staff. Holly cuttings were hung over each little bed, while streamers of scarlet, white and green shaded each of the lights. The playroom was specially decorated by the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, the little patients making the festoons of greenery, interspersed with poinsettias, which were a feature. In one corner stood an immense striped candy walking stick, the gift of Mrs. Graham.

SANTA CLAUS ARRIVES

The many guests, who included, in addition to the gubernatorial party, making the board of directors, members of the Women's Institute, and other friends of the institution, repaired first to the babies' ward, where a huge Christmas tree had, since early morning, been the centre of interest. Tapping on the window, Santa Claus, whose bewhiskered mask and scarlet park and hood veiled the identity of S. K. Willis, the genial chaplain, was quickly admitted. The tiny tots, making their first acquaintance with Santa Claus, at first wailed loudly with fright, but their tears quickly gave way to chuckles of glee as he dived in his capacious sack and found gifts for every one.

CHARMING PLAY

The next item on the programme took place in the older children's ward where an attractive replica of an old-fashioned fireplace, flanked with tinsel-hung Christmas trees, provided the stage setting for a charming little play, arranged and directed by Miss Ebbes-Canavan and Miss Graham, teachers, with Nurse Henderson as accompanist.

Clifford Newell, one of the senior boys who left the institution to-day after treatment since it opened, acted as jester in cap and motley, and introduced the various numbers, his spirited performance evoking much admiration. All the children acted with a naturalness and freedom from self-consciousness, which was delightful, while the singing was very sweet and clear. All the little patients in the ward sported quaint caps of green and scarlet and ruffled collars to match their costumes, and those of the principals in the playlet being all their own handiwork.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Among the carols and hymns were "Joy to the World," "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks," "The Babe in the Manger," "Holly Child of Bethlehem," and "Holly Night," and between the singing of these the various characters associated with an old-time Christmas, appropriately dressed, were presented: Ernest Rhodes, as the carrier of the wastebowls; K. K. Jones, as the Robinson and Joyce Toynebe, as guests of the jester; Betty Pullen, who was much applauded for her merry.

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Of course this is wrong. Vegetables are an important part of the diet, but still only a part of it. They contain important vitamins but not very much nourishment. They contain lots of indigestible cellulose which contributes to the diet and stimulates good elimination. They lend variety to the diet. They are alkaline in their reaction and are vastly necessary in the prevention of acidity.

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KINDLE HIS INTEREST

His unconscious selection of vegetables is a good one. Celery does not have vitamin A, as you stated, but lettuce has the A, B, and C vitamins. Give him the three he likes in some form daily. Incidentally, here are the vegetables which contain all three vitamins: lettuce, tomatoes, potatoes, french peas, string beans, dandelion greens, spinach and cabbage. He has three of them in his diet.

Another leaflet, "Introducing Vegetables Into the Child's Diet," will also be helpful to you. If he plays outdoors all day and has a good diet, he does not need cod liver oil at this age, and without it his appetite for some of the vegetables might be spurred.

It is worth a trial at any rate. Too often interest in vegetables is killed by the mother's insistence on how good they are for a child. If no pressure were brought to bear on him and vegetables were served at the table and obviously enjoyed by the adults, his interest might be kindled.

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It'll be a royal pleasure to get sick in Stockholm, judging by this picture. For the comely nurse shown standing is Princess Ingrid of Sweden. She is busy applying a compress to the neck of a fellow student in a Red Cross nursing course.

MARIONETTE SHOW FREE TO ALL CHILDREN

Delightful Entertainment to Be Given at Spencer's, Commencing Saturday

Marionettes—those fascinating little doll actors, who dance and gesticulate and walk around with almost human sprightliness—will be shown to the children of Victoria for a week commencing Saturday.

AUNT HET

BY ROBERT QUILLLEN



"Ella is one o' these big-hearted folks that lets you have your way an' then feels abused an' pouts about it for a week."

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YOUR BABY and MINE



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Merry Christmas Happy New Year

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mening Saturday. This special treat of the Christmas season has been arranged by David Spencer Limited, and will be shown in Toyland on the second floor of the store, daily, from Saturday, December 27, to Saturday, January 3, at 11 o'clock each morning and at 2.30, 3.30, and 4.30 o'clock each afternoon. All children are invited to attend free of charge.

The Dolly and Sonny Marionettes is the name of the show. These fascinating little people come to life and dance and act with wonderful abandon. There will be the beautiful Princess Elaine, looking as if she had just stepped out of a fairy tale. Bepko, the clown, and Jack-in-the-Box have a funny act, which will arouse shrieks of laughter, while Punch and Judy will be there with all their old-world appeal.

The tiny marionettes will talk and sing as well as dance and every minute of the programme will be full of interest and amusement for the youngsters.

Unusual Dessert
For a dessert that is different, peel and slice some of the big Japanese persimmons and serve with thick cream and powdered sugar.



AROUND THE TOWN

With Mistress Peppys

Wednesday, 24th.—"Twas the night before Christmas"—well 'tis the morning before and my shopping not finished yet. But 'tis partly Pail's fault '—he did come to me at the last minute to help her out.

"Something for James in leather"—shall go to McMartin's for that. Do appreciate the personal attention that they always give me and the interest they take. In truth, they do know good leather. Do believe he would like one of these travelling cases with lotion bottles or this slipper-pillow toilet case. Myself cover this suede bag with intricate crystal ball—perhaps, after Christmas—

There's Nancy left and she now begins to give much attention to her appearance. Bowes' Drug Store do have an attractive array of toilet and dressing table accessories. I have, why, the love. Yardley's will appeal to her. La! how many ways they do put it up. A seven piece set for but \$1.50 and here's one for 25c. A pleasing display of gifts of all sorts have there, blue and silver for an "Evening in Paris"—quel roman!

'Tis a satisfaction to have finished my sister-in-law's gifts and must confess shall be glad to turn to my own.

'Tis always a pleasure to run upstairs in the Arcade Building to Brooklands and do so now, though not at all sure there's aught I need, but one can just walk about and inspect their wares and our again. All prices be plainly marked and one might say gifts there be from one to one hundred dollars—la! here be one for 75c. Here be some real crystals—how they sparkle!

Slip into the Posy Shoppe with my last minute orders for Christmas flowers. Would not willingly have missed this brave showing of brilliant flower baskets and potted plants. This Christmas cactus with its star-like flower doth seem appropriate to Yuletide and the Poinsettias in their royal red are methinks more glorious than ever. Pink poinsettias with begonia—did never see pink poinsettias before. Rose, the queen of flowers reigns supreme and the lovely carnation. Posy Shoppe flowers are indeed a delicate compliment.

Mistress Black—oh, yes! Did think to give her note paper, so of course to Diagon's, where they have a large assortment of gift boxes from \$1.00 up. 'Tis always a welcome gift.

These gold compendiums, gold tasseled, filled with deckle edged paper are different. Handsome gift boxes with paper and cards and other accessories—plume pen, compact, stamp box, etc. Truly, there be a wide choice.

Many townsfolk there be who do want to give useful gifts. Christmas and what more useful could a gentleman give his lady than a fur coat or fur scarf. Furs from Foster's doth mean much more than lies in the mere words—for their furs are all from the finest skins, guaranteed, and made up in accord with the dictates of Madame Fashion, so that when one travels to the big cities of the world, one feels in the mode.

Will just run into the Murphy Electric Co. for a carton of masala lamps. 'Tis awkward to be without at Christmas time and do have robbing one light to fill another. Many of our townsfolk must have and think a number must be giving electrical gifts this year—truly a useful, yet intriguing gift—myself, the more electrical devices. I have, why, the more I want. Methinks a wand from more I gift the whole family will enjoy.

Can scarce wait for to-morrow evening for that engaging festival at the Empress and do know that we shall be a jovial, happy party and many of our townsfolk will be gathered there to make merry. 'Tis a glad-some sight—the dragging in of the Yule Log and the bringing in of the Bear's Head with fitting ceremony. 'Twill be fun to see the evening out with dancing.

What a relief to sink down into the soft cushions of my new Ford car. 'Tis so luxurious and so comfortable withal. Hurrying back and forth to-day it has, in sooth been invaluable—'tis so easy to park, to turn, to stop and start—in short, it doth take me from place to place almost while I think of going there. 'Tis such a reliable car, built for hard, long service, that I do never bother about it do always know 'tis ever ready to do my will without fuss. The shoppe do all be open to-night and after looking over my purchases, may be I buy a right jolly Yuletide.

'Unlock the door this evening.

And let your gate swing wide, Let all who ask for shelter, Come speedily inside.

What if your yard be narrow? What if your house be small? There is a guest is coming. Will glorify it all.

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A Merry Christmas



RENNIE & TAYLOR

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Rangers Give Dazzling Show In Crushing Victory Over Canadiens

THE SPORTS MIRROR

A.A.U. Ruling Serious Blow to Amateur Hockey, Says Joe Smith

Former Manager of Victoria Cubs Scouting Players on Prairies

Veteran Baseball Umpire Tells of When He Sold Connie Mack

Many Players Have Made Successful Debut With N.H.L. Clubs

JOE SMITH, former manager of the Victoria Cubs in the Pacific Coast Hockey League, and now acting as a scout for the New York Rangers, sprung into prominence in Regina the other day. Joe, who has been making a tour of the prairie provinces in search of prospects for the Gotham N.H.L. club, declares that the Amateur Union of Canada is not contributing a great deal to the cause of amateur hockey by cancelling the cards of those players who return home after failing to "catch on" with the professional clubs in the pre-season tryouts.

In an interview appearing in a Regina newspaper, Smith was quoted as follows:

"The bombshell which the amateur union has suddenly seen fit to drop on these puck chasers who stopped in their pre-tryouts this year means that a large number of young fellows will be out of all hockey this winter. Their idleness means that the calibre of hockey in the different amateur leagues in which they otherwise might be participating is not going to be improved any."

"I see no reason why these suspended players cannot continue as amateurs, if they accepted no money for services rendered. They are contaminating no one, because they are not actually professionals in the strict sense of the word."

"I am very sorry to see so many good players left out in the cold this winter."

"Enforcing the amateur ruling is going to make things tough for many young fellows who have a chance to become professionals. Either they must make the grade in their tryouts, or else they can't play any hockey for at least a year, providing the amateur moguls reinstate them at that time."

"The A.A.U. of C. is barring these athletes because they received expenses during their pre-tryouts. To my mind, this is not fair, as they are receiving remuneration for playing as a so-called minor pro."

Celebration by Connie Mack of his sixtieth birthday yesterday brought to mind an interesting story about the white-haired manager of the world champion Philadelphia Athletics. The tale is related by Charles F. Daniels, first umpire in the National League. While he was manager of the Hartford Baseball Club, then a member of the National League, Daniels sold Cornelius McGillicuddy, or Connie Mack, as he is known to baseball fans, along with four other players for \$3,500, to Washington for what was at that time big money. Daniels, however, took from Tom Kelly of the Meriden Club and then sold him.

Only five New York players who participated in the first National League game at the Polo Grounds in 1892, which Daniels umpired are now alive. Daniels received from \$5 to \$10 for umpiring a game in those days and crowded went to the park in a drawn car. The National League consisted of eight clubs at the start. They were Hartford, Boston, St. Louis, Louisville, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Brooklyn and Philadelphia. Later New York, Chicago and Detroit came in.

Players among the various clubs in the N.H.L. who made their debut this year and are making a good job of it are:

Canadiens—Gagnon, Maroons—McVicar, Haynes, E. Roche, D. Roche, Huggins, Gallagher, Kerr, Bruins—Merris, Chapman, Bessie, Americans—Ayres, Falconer, McNelly, Black Hawks—Rommes, New York Rangers—Joe Jerva, former member of the Vancouver Lions in the P.H.L., who was picked up a star in the making in Johnny Gallagher and a good blocking defence man in McVicar, while the kids are doing the duties of a third line with good results. Canadiens banded a corker in Johnny Gagnon, a ready-made player who has all the essentials that this club likes. He can skate, shoot and carry like a veteran. American have found a real prospect in Ayres, while the taffy-haired McNelly is highly useful with Falcons. Final judgment on these players can be suspended till next year but from what they have shown so far this season they appear to have a niche fitted out for themselves in the halls of hockey.

"I know that guy's weakness," said Kid Battalino when he first saw Kid Chocolate fight. "He can't take 'em in the tummy. So when the two men met the other night, the Hartford Wop put his belief to the test. It turned out just as he said. Body blows were downed the Kid and Battalino was nothing like looking a fellow over before you start to smack him."

If you happen to be collecting similes, you might be able to use this one: "As meaningless as a challenge from Jack Sharkey." The Boston abolitionist recently offered to fight Stripling in New York. Then he offered to fight Max Schmeling in June next for the New York Milk Fund. But another Sharkey-Schmeling thing isn't in any of the books. Jack can't even win a fight for himself, and you all know that ought to be a setup.

Too Many Cooks Prove Downfall Of Montrealers

Bill and Bun Score Four Goals as Lester Patrick's Club Defeats Flying Frenchmen 5 to 1; Rangers Oust Detroit From Third Place in American Section; Chicago in 3 to 2 Win Over Philadelphia to Catch Boston; Maroons Gain on Canadiens by Draw With Toronto.

Canadian Press

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 24.—The crushing victory of New York Rangers over the Canadian group leaders, Montreal Canadiens, by a 5 to 1 score, and Toronto's courageous stand against Montreal Maroons, were highlights of yesterday evening's National Hockey League schedule of three games.

BUFFALO WINS IN OVERTIME TO KEEP LEAD

Ronnie Martin's Goal Gives International Hockey Leaders Win Over Cleveland

London Comes Out of Slump to Beat Syracuse; Windsor in Draw With Pittsburgh

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 24.—After three straight losses London Tecumsehs entered the win column of the International Hockey League yesterday evening by defeating the cellar occupants from Syracuse 5 to 3, while their fellow-Canadians, Windsor Bulldogs, were being held to a four-all tie by Pittsburgh. Meanwhile the league leading Buffalo Bisons maintained their firm grip on first place by trouncing Cleveland, 4 to 3, after overtime.

The Tecumseh victory kept them safely in possession of fifth place in the standings, two points ahead of the Yellow Jackets, but it was only a late rally in the final session that enabled them to down the stubborn fighting stars, who tied the score at 2-all early in the closing twenty minutes.

The three London overtime period goals came from the sticks of Adams, Pettenger and Reinkens.

They were faced with a hard earned two goal deficit, but overcame the advantage with a combination attack. Goals by Jackson, Parol Voss and Huard put the Bisons in the lead, but little Ken Dasey tied the count for Cleveland only to see his effort wasted when Ronnie Martin notched the winning goal late in the overtime session.

The scores follow: McKenzie-Grieve 68, Melville 69, Gibson 69, Farmer 71, J. Cameron 71, W. Taylor 71, Wilson 71, Jameson 72, Cook 73, Mosier 73, English 73, A. Taylor 73, Archibald 73, Savidant 74, A. B. Saunders 75, Bell 75, Ough 75, Tuxford 76, Nader 76, Nickson 76, Steenson 76, Winkler 77, L. C. Boyd 79, Broderick 81, Elliott 79, T. Stewart 80, McDonnell 81, A. Stewart 81, H. Cameron 81, E. Campbell 82, Sanders 82, McLean 82, C. Campbell 83, Cameron 84, Semple 86, Paterson 86, Gonnason 86, and McDonald 88.

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Miracles of Sport

By Robert Edgren



HOCKEY



Superstition plays a big part in sport and this is particularly true in the case of hockey. And hockey players believe in "Lady Luck" as no other athletes do. This may or may not be the reason why color and glamor surrounds the game to day. Bun Cook, the fast-travelling wing man of Lester Patrick's galloping Rangers of Gotham, is probably an outstanding example. Bun never goes on the ice for a practice without wearing his sweater on backwards so that the number six will come to the front. Why did you ask? Because it holds a charm against injuries in practice that up to the present time has never failed him. Another thing, the next time you have the opportunity to see the Rangers in action just notice who steps out of the dressing room first. Bun Cook has for years been the first man to the rest of the team it's just a habit, but to Bun it's a case of either getting away on the right or wrong foot and so no one ever interferes with him. Bun Cook, on the other hand, pays very little attention to such things although he plays on the opposite wing position of the same team.

STANDINGS						
N.H.L.						
Canadian Section						
	W.	L.	D.	P.	A.	P.
Canadiens	8	4	0	39	29	17
Maroons	5	6	0	24	32	15
N.Y. Americans	5	6	0	24	32	15
Ottawa	4	6	1	21	33	9

American Section						
	W.	L.	D.	P.	A.	P.
Boston	9	4	2	41	30	20
Chicago	9	4	2	22	32	14
N.Y. Rangers	8	5	2	22	32	14
Detroit	6	7	1	22	32	14
Philadelphia	7	11	1	21	33	9

5. Quakers, Barton (Lower), 2:32; Penalties: Shields (2), Dutowski, Couture, Coulogh, Lowery and Jarvis. Canadian-American. At Boston: Boston Tigers 2, Springfield Indians 7.

Nellie Custis Awarded Top Weight For Handicap At Caliente To-morrow

Agua Caliente, Mexico, Dec. 24.—Top weight of 117 pounds has been allotted Nellie Custis, speedy Audley stock farm mare in the Christmas Handicap, opening feature of the eighty-two-day Agua Caliente Jockey Club meeting to be launched here Thursday. A field of ten will face the barrier in the opener, a six furlong dash.

Owners, horses, weights and probable jockeys for the initial event are W. R. Coe, Caruso, 112, R. Leishman; Brannecastle Farm Stable, St. Pristo, 107, none; Joe Topitzky, Good and Hot, 105, none; Baron Long, Hatrick, 104, R. West; Dr. George O'Connell, Hey Diddle Diddle, 106, W. Johns; A. R. and L. Pantafies, Alexander Pantafies, 112, none; B. Johnson, Lamp Black, 106, none; Otto Berg, St. Jim, 98, Ed Munger; Audley Stock Farm, Nellie Custis, 117, none.

SATURDAY'S BOUT TO BE TO A FINISH

Desmond Anderson and S. Vangier Matched in Main Event of Wrestling Card

New York, Dec. 24.—Two English boxing stars, Jack "Kid" Berg, lightweight, and Len Harvey, British middleweight champion, arrived here yesterday aboard the steamship Olympic.

Berg hopes to get a match with Tony Canzoneri, lightweight champion, but expects to make at least one ring appearance in Madison Square Garden before he returns to England.

Followers of the mat game are anxiously awaiting the return here on Saturday of Desmond Anderson, Seattle, and Sammy Vangier, Portland, clever lightweight grapplers, who will appear in the main event of Promoter Fred Richardson's show. The semi-weekend will bring together "Rocky" Brooks, Victoria "strong man," and August Sepp, Bellingham. The latter appeared here last week against Tom Alley, world light heavyweight champion, in the main event.

The Anderson-Vangier match is the outcome of requests on the part of local fans to have the pair return here following their thrilling draw match of some months ago. Exceptionally fast, and easily the cleverest pair of mat men to show here, Vangier and Anderson are great favorites.

Saturday's match is scheduled to go to a finish. In the event of a draw at the conclusion of the regular eight rounds the bout will continue until one of the grapplers secures the deciding fall.

Charlie Belanger Defeats Manley In Bout at Portland
Portland, Dec. 24.—Charlie Belanger, Winnipeg light-heavyweight, won a ten-round decision over George Manley, Denver, in the main event of a fight card here yesterday evening. Belanger weighed 161, Manley 174. Belanger held only a slight margin over his opponent and won the decision by wading in in the final session, taking everything Manley could give him and landing several overhand rights.

Morenz Continues To Top All Scorers In National League

CANADIAN SECTION
Team—Canadiens, played 14, won 8, lost 6, tied 0, 15 points.
Most points (goals and assists)—Morenz, 13 goals, 3 assists, 16 points.
Most goals—Morenz, 13.
Most assists—Primeau, Toronto, 7.
Most shutouts—Worters, Americans, 2.
Most penalties—Johat, Canadiens, 45 minutes.

AMERICAN SECTION

Team—Boston and Chicago, played 15, won 9, lost 4, tied 2, 20 points.
Most points (goals and assists)—W. Cook, Rangers, 12 goals, 3 assists, 15 points; Bun Cook, Rangers, 7 goals, 8 assists, 15 points; Goodfellow, Detroit, 10 goals, 5 assists, 15 points.
Most goals—Bill Cook, 12.
Most assists—Bun Cook, 8.
Most shutouts—Gardner, Chicago, 5.
Most penalties—Rockburn, Detroit, 49 minutes.

EDDIE LOOS SHOOT PAR TO TOP FIELD

Chicago Pro Scores Brilliant 71 in Qualifying Round of Caliente Tourney
Dewey Longworth One Stroke Behind; Wind and New Ball Wrecks Scores
Agua Caliente, Mexico, Dec. 24.—Eddie Loos, professional of Pasadena, and Chicago, led the field for the first eighteen holes of the qualifying round in the second annual Agua Caliente \$25,000 open golf championship here yesterday. Loos had a seventy-one, just even par for the course from the front tees.

The score was far and away a stand-out in the field of ninety-seven professionals and amateurs who teed off in the first hole of the qualifying round. Not another golfer equaled par or even came near it except Dewey Longworth of Oakland. Starting late and avoiding the high wind, which wrecked scores of the early starters, Loos came in with a seventy-two, one stroke over par, for second place, just about dusk.

The wind and the mental hazard of the new ball combined to send most of the scores skyrocketing, indicating that a total of about 165 for the thirty-six holes would make the cherished circle of fifty which will be admitted to the Agua Caliente \$25,000 open tournament, January 15, 14, 15 and 16.

LARGE ENTRY
The field of 100 will tee off in the battle for the \$10,000 first money and other prize awards totaling \$25,000. Of this number ninety will be professionals and ten or fifteen amateurs. Some forty professionals are automatically eligible through having been among the first thirty in the National Open, the thirty-two qualifiers in the 1930 P.G.A. championship, entered from a foreign country, or a prizewinner in the initial Agua Caliente event last January.

The rest of the field is being selected through the qualifying round. Fred in the big field was Jim Heary of New York, with a seventy-four over par. Following came a group of four professionals and one amateur—Boy Tufts, San Diego Country Club; Fred Morrison, unattached professional of Los Angeles; Willard Hutchins, also unattached; Willie Goggin, San Francisco, and F. Byrley, Portland amateur.

At 77 were seven golfers—Al Cameron, Agua Caliente; Jimmie Thompson, Colorado Springs; Oscar Oman, Minnesota; Jack Tarrant, Los Angeles; Tom Ralston, Alton; Ralph Quilman, Dallas, Texas, and M. E. Nagel Jr., Buffalo.

The high wind played many tricks with the new, larger and lighter golf ball, particularly for the early starters. Most of them took three, and some four, strokes to reach the green on the first hole, which was played into the teeth of the wind. The stiff breeze gradually slackened and later shifted to the westward, giving just opposite playing conditions as the field rounded the course. Putts appeared to bother the players most.

Charlie Fea Scores Dodo at Cedar Hill

"There's something in that," said Charlie Fea, well-known basketball and baseball figure, as he strolled to the fourth hole at Cedar Hill Golf Course and extracted his ball from the cup. For Charlie had just scored the first dodo of his career on the 135-yard hole. He was playing in a friendly game with George Gandy, fielder for the Sons of Canada in the senior baseball league, when he accomplished the feat.

Daddy Vance Has Failed to Sign With Brooklyn
St. Petersburg, Fla., Dec. 24.—Daddy Vance, ace of the Brooklyn Robins hurling staff, has failed to sign the contract offered him by the Brooklyn club. Vance intimated, however, his conference with President Frank York in Brooklyn was a friendly one, and that neither expected any trouble in reaching agreement in the spring.

GAR WOOD TO SEEK WORLD SPEED RECORD

Famous U.S. Sportsman Hopes to Break Record of Late Sir Henry Segrave

Will Use Miss America IX For Attempt on Indian Creek, Florida, in February

Detroit, Dec. 24.—Gar Wood, world speedboat champion, yesterday announced he would attempt to set a new world's straightaway record over a measured mile in Indian Creek, at Miami, Florida, in February.

His goal will be to better the 98.7 miles an hour reached by the late Sir Henry Segrave on the trial last year that cost him his life.

Surchargers are to be placed in the motor of the Miss America IX, with which Wood successfully defended the Harmsworth Trophy last September, and the same craft will be used in the straightaway test.

Announcement of Wood's plans was made yesterday afternoon at a testimonial luncheon for Commodore A. A. Schantz, dean of Great Lakes yachtsmen.

Major Paul Bernard of Paris, America's representative on the permanent committee in charge of speedboating, announced that Commodore Schantz had been named North America's special representative to the International Motor Yachting Union. The appointment, it was explained, places the commodore in complete control of speedboating on the North American continent, until Canadian boatmen organize to control their own events.

WAKEFIELD TO CHALLENGE
It was disclosed at the meeting that Lord Wakefield, financial backer of Sir Henry Segrave, was put into effect, giving the Harmsworth Trophy next year. It was said that Kaye Don, noted automobile speed driver, probably will pilot Wakefield's craft, the Miss England.

A change in the deed of gift for the international five-and-a-half-litre trophy, won last fall by Sir Hubert Scott-Paine, was put into effect, giving England the privilege of conducting the event in alternate years, regardless of the winner. England will hold the 1931 event. The trophy is donated by The Detroit News.

MAX READY TO BATTLE NEXT JUNE

J. Jacobs Expected to Pledge Schmeling to Title Defence in Summer of 1931

New York, Dec. 24.—Max Schmeling, through his manager, Joe Jacobs, is expected to tell the New York Athletic Commission next week that he is ready to defend his heavyweight title against the best available opponent in June, not necessarily Jack Sharkey of Boston.

The Commission recently ordered Schmeling to agree within fifteen days to a title fight with the Boston sailor, but Schmeling's reply was that Jacobs was his manager and qualified to speak for him. Jacobs has been under suspension here for some time for his part in the controversy over a managerial contract Arthur Buwold held on Schmeling's services.

JACOBS BEFORE COMMISSION
Jacobs is to go before the Commission next Tuesday and probably will pledge his protégé to a title defence in June whether it is against Sharkey, Young Stribling or Victorio Campolo. If the Commission accepts this promise the way would be paved for a match between Sharkey and Stribling or Sharkey and Campolo early in the spring. Unless Sharkey can prove conclusively in actual combat that he is the best challenger available, experts feel a Sharkey-Schmeling bout is foredoomed to financial failure.

Chicago promoters have offered Schmeling \$500,000 to fight Stribling there in June, but indications are the title bout, if and when it is held, will be staged here.

McDUFFER OF THE MISSAPUTTA GOLF CLUB
BY BARRIE PAYNE
"Joe Smith is a fine chap except for one very bad habit. He chews so much tobacco while he's playing golf that everybody on the course has to shoot floaters."



Many Churches Hold Festival Services

Joyous Music Will Feature Christmas Services Tomorrow; St. Andrew's Cathedral to Hold High Mass at Midnight To-night.

Christmas Day services will be held to-morrow in all the churches of Greater Victoria, most of which have been gaily decorated for the occasion. The singing of carols and special musical programmes will feature most of the services, while the pastoral addresses will deal with the birth of Jesus. Celebrations of the Communion of the Lord's Supper will also be generally observed to-morrow.

The offertory of the day in all Anglican churches will be donated to the Clergy, Widows' and Orphans' Fund of the diocese, the object of which, as the title indicates, is to care for ill or aged clergymen and their bereft families. In addition to the Christmas Day services to-morrow, there will be Christmas Eve services to-day in some of the churches.

CHRIST CHURCH

At Christ Church Cathedral to-day there will be Christmas tree services with short addresses at 4 o'clock by Dean Quainton, and at 7 o'clock by Rev. A. M. Acheson-Lyle. At these services donations of staple foods, etc., will be received, to be distributed to those in need.

The Christmas Day services to-morrow will be: Holy Communion at 8, 9, 10 and 11 o'clock, after short addresses at 11 o'clock. Rt. Rev. C. D. Schofield, Bishop of Columbia, will preach at the morning service. Evening services will be held at 5.15 o'clock. The music at both services will include familiar hymns, and Nipholson's setting of the Holy Communion service will be sung.

ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL

Christmas services at St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Cathedral will begin at midnight to-night, when Solemn High Mass will be sung by the Bishop of Victoria, Right Rev. G. Murray, D.D., assisted by Rev. Father Evans, M.A., as the archpriest, Rev. Father Gandette as deacon, Rev. Alex. Tourigny, S.S., as subdeacon. The M.C. will be Desmond Burdon-Murphy. The Bishop will preach on "A Message From the Grib." Suitable music for the occasion will be rendered by St. Louis College choir, winners of the Wilkerson Shield for two consecutive years at the Victoria Musical Festival. The music will be: Processional hymn, "The First Noel" (traditional); during the vesting by Adolphe Adam; several parts of the Mass will be from the "Missa de Beata Virgine," early Gregorian chant and the "Gloria in Excelsis Deo" will be from the "Missa cum Jubilo." The offertory piece will be Montan's "Adeste Fideles" in four parts. At the end of Mass the processional march will be "Fugate in B Minor" (Bach).

Other services will follow on Thursday morning at 8, 9, 10 and 11 o'clock. The last will be a musical service sung by a choir of girls from St. Anne's Academy; conductor, Arthur Cowden, and organist, Miss Marguerite McKay.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

At St. John's Church Holy Communion services will be held at 7.15 and 8 o'clock. At 11 o'clock there will be morning prayer with special Christmas music, followed by Holy Communion. The church has been beautifully decorated for the occasion with evergreens arranged in Gothic design, interspersed with holly and white chrysanthemums.

Rev. Canon P. A. P. Chadwick will give a short Christmas message at the 11 o'clock service. Special music will be rendered, including the Christmas hymn "O Come All Ye Faithful," "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" and "While Shepherds Watched." The anthem will be "There Were Shepherds Abiding in the Field," by Burnetts, and the "Te Deum" will be sung to Jackson's great setting.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, OAK BAY

The following services will be held in St. Mary's to-morrow: Holy Communion at 8.45, 9.30 and at noon; matins and sermon at 11, when the carol-anthem will be "On This, the Christmas Morn." (Job).

F. T. C. Wickes, A.R.C.M., will play the following Christmas music: "Oratorio Upon Two Christmas Themes" (Quilman); "A Christmas Pastoral" (B. L. Selby); "The Christmas Carol" (J. E. West); "Let All the Angels of God" (Handel). On Friday there will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 10.30.

ST. MARTIN'S

At St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, the Gorge, there will be an early celebration of Holy Communion at 8 o'clock and morning prayer, with carol-solo, and hymns, sermon and Holy Communion.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN

Elaborate arrangements have been made for observation of the birthday of the Saviour in the Lutheran Church. Morning worship at 11 o'clock will be held in the German language and Rev. A. Schormann will base his festival sermon upon the Gospel of the day, Luke 1:1-14.

In the evening the congregation will hold an old-fashioned Christmas celebration at 7.30 o'clock at a candlemas service, under a large decorated Christmas tree. The pastor will give an English address on "The Silent Message of the Christmas Tree," and a German address on "Unto You is Born This Day a Saviour."

ST. MARK'S, CLOVERDALE

On Christmas Day at St. Mark's, Cloverdale, there will be a plain celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 o'clock. At 11 o'clock there will be a choral celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 o'clock. At 11 o'clock there will be a choral celebration with Christmas hymns and carols, also a short address on "Christmas Joy in the Spirit of Adversity."

ST. LUKE'S, CHERRY HILL

At 8 o'clock, celebration of the Holy Communion, and at 11 there will be a shortened Morning Prayer, choral celebration of the Holy Communion, and sermon by the rector, Rev. S. Ryall. Special Christmas music has been prepared, and the church, as usual suitably decorated.

ST. PAUL'S, ESQUIMALT

Holy Communion at 7 and 8 o'clock; Matins and Eucharist, 10.30; Evensong at 4 o'clock. Offerings on behalf of Clergy, Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

ST. SAVOIR'S CHURCH

Holy Communion at 8 o'clock, and Holy Communion and sermon at 11. The choir will sing the anthem, "There

will be a bright one-hour service, the subject being, "The Multiplying Power of God's Christmas Gift."

CENTRAL BAPTIST

Morning service at 11 o'clock. This will be a bright one-hour service, the subject being, "The Multiplying Power of God's Christmas Gift."

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

A programme that bears out the spirit of Christmas—"Good Will to All Men"—will be brought to local radio fans when an attempt will be made to broadcast Christmas Greetings from several countries. Countries that are expected to participate in the broadcast include England, Germany and United States.

This will be the second annual broadcast of this event as last year greetings were brought from England. This programme will be released on the Pacific Coast through stations KGO, San Francisco, and KOMO, Seattle, at 2.35 Victoria time.

SCHOOL CONCERTS HELD ON SALT SPRING ISLAND

Ganges, Dec. 24.—Ganges High School and public school concert is an annual event which is looked forward to with great interest and the one given on Thursday evening in the Mahon Hall at Ganges was no exception to the rule. The High School principal, Mr. White, and Miss K. Dane of the junior class, were congratulated on the splendid showing made by their pupils.

Miss Annie Allan acted as accompanist and W. M. Mout, was chairman. Refreshments were served after the distribution of presents by Santa Claus. A dance concluded the evening at which Madame Bertucci's orchestra from Victoria supplied the music. Following is the complete programme: "O Canada," "The First Noel" by the schools; recitation, "Don't," Margaret Lumley; duet, "Where Are You Going My Pretty Maid," Winifred Morgan and Marion Morton; Ghost March by junior pupils; short play, "That's Nothing," Billy Taylor and Gladys Winthrop; recitation, "A Good Boy," Ivan Mout; drill, "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers," four Japanese pupils; dialogue, "Dominique," D. Parsons and Jack Allan; character song, "Indian Love Call," school pupils; recitation, "A Boy and His Stomach," Fred Young; dialogue, "A Child's Guide to Diet," Hilary Purdy and Ivan Mout; negro play, "Comp'ry Tension," high school boys; chorus and dance, "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling," six school girls; dance, Irish jig, Dorothy Mout and Winnie Tweedhope; monologue, "A Talk on the Xmas Eve," San Beddis; play, "Quest of the Three Kings," public school boys; chorus, "Holy Night," the schools; recitation, "Nothing to Laugh At," Oliver Garner; play, "Animal Circus," senior boys; finale, "Capture of Santa Claus," the younger children; God Save the King.

BURGOYNE BAY

The combined school concert of the Burgoyne Bay and Isabella Point schools given in the Institute Hall at Fulford Harbor was most successful, a big crowd filling the large hall, both for the concert and the dance which followed. Credit is due to both teachers, Miss Iris Vye at Isabella Point and Miss Irene Moses of the Valley School, for the way in which the very young performers went through their parts.

After the programme concluded, a great jingling of bells was heard and amid the delighted shrieks of the children Santa Claus made his appearance from under the stage and distributed gifts from the loaded Christmas tree.

THE DIVIDE

The annual school concert of the Divide pupils, held in the schoolhouse, proved a most enjoyable affair. The teacher, Miss Mary Purdy, was highly gratified at the enthusiastic reception accorded to the various items presented. At the conclusion of the concert, supper, which had generously been supplied by the parents and friends of the pupils, was served, after which the youngsters had a merry hour with games.

The grown-ups enjoyed dancing to the music of an impromptu orchestra, consisting of violin and piano, played by W. McFadden and P. Lowther.

NORTH VESUVIUS

The school concert and dance given by the teacher and pupils of the North Vesuvius School in Central Hall was more successful than usual. This small school always presents a most ambitious programme, and this year proved no exception. The singing of Evelyn Woods, Leola Whimms and Gladys Woods was exceptionally good, as was the drill, demonstrating the discovery of the "Star of Bethlehem" by the watching shepherds. The accompanist was Miss Shirley Wilson, who, also, with Ian Halley on the drums, played for the dance which followed the entertainment.

At the conclusion of the concert, Mr. Headley announced the regrettable fact that the teacher, Miss Mac Murray, was not returning after the holidays. A hearty vote of thanks to Miss Murray for her work in the school was given.

Salt Spring

Ganges, Dec. 24.—A most successful turkey shoot was held recently by Mr. Maxwell at Burgoyne Bay. R. Peter being lucky enough to secure four, W. Cawley being second with three and several other anglers residents bringing home turkeys. W. James held a goose and chicken shoot on his ranch at the Divide on Sunday afternoon, E. Lumley bringing back one goose and two chickens.

R. Doovey of Nanaimo returned on Saturday after spending four days on the island, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. V. Frits of Ganges.

Mrs. J. Warner of St. Mary's Lake has returned home after a visit to friends in Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Birkitt and family of St. Mary's Lake, Salt Spring Island, returned on Sunday from several days visit to Victoria, where they were guests of Mrs. Birkitt's mother, Mrs. Simmons.

Mrs. Desmond Crofton of Ganges was a visitor to Victoria on Saturday. Mrs. B. B. Crofton, left on Saturday afternoon for Victoria to spend the

Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. Black.

Mr. and Mrs. Eustace Tassell of Fulford Harbor, returned home on the ferry on Saturday afternoon, after a visit to Victoria.

Mrs. G. Laundry of Musgrave Landing was a visitor in Victoria on Saturday.

Master Donald Corbett arrived at Ganges on Saturday from Vancouver where he is a pupil at Trinity House School, to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Desmond Crofton.

A. Wright of the Divide was a visitor to Victoria on Saturday.

F. Cudmore who has been a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital, returned to his home at Fulford Harbor on Saturday.

J. T. Collins of central Salt Spring Island returned home on Saturday after visiting in Victoria.

Reginald Price of "Meriside" returned to the island on Saturday evening after a week's visit in Victoria where he was the guest of his sister, Mrs. Cecil Ley.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Rogers and small son of Ganges have left for Victoria where they will spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Rogers's father, Mr. Johnson.

Edward Walter of "The Maple" Ganges Harbor returned home on Saturday after a few days visit to Victoria.

Mrs. Betty Halley of the University of B.C. has arrived on the island to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Halley of "Sandal" north Salt Spring.

The fourth game of the series of football matches for the Hart Cup was played on the Mahon Hall ground on Sunday afternoon between Ganges Athletic and Fulford, resulting in a win for the latter 9-4.

Miss Ethel Carter of San Diego, Cal-

ifornia, arrived on Salt Spring Island on Monday to spend Christmas with her father, E. Carter, in the Cranberry District.

Kenneth Halley has arrived from Vancouver where he is a student at the B.C. University to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Halley at north Salt Spring Island.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Evans and their daughter, Miss Daisy Evans, of Ganges were visitors to Victoria on Monday.

At the monthly meeting of the women's institute held recently in the Institute Hall, Fulford, final arrangements for the big dance to be held on Boxing Night were made. Several parcels of clothing were received for the Pouce Coupe Institute, and two boxes of jam, etc., for the solatium at Mill Bay.

Mrs. F. E. Mollett and Miss Gladys Shaw.

F. Morris of Fulford Harbor has left on a week's visit to Nanaimo.

R. J. McLennan of Cortes Island, has arrived at Fulford to spend a few weeks with his relative, Mrs. R. McLennan, Burgoyne Bay Road.

School Concert Is Held at Langford

Langford, Dec. 24.—The school house was packed with parents and friends of the scholars on Friday evening when the annual school concert and Christmas tree entertainment took place. Appropriate blackboard drawings and brightly colored streamers decorated the rooms. Mrs. D. B. Bullen, trustee, acted as chairman. The programme was a delightful one, the

pretty costumes of the children and their clear voices being favorably commented upon by all present. Mrs. Horace Simpson's juvenile orchestra played several selections, and Miss Ada Simpson proved an efficient accompanist, and was the recipient of a dainty corsage bouquet of roses. Dean Johnson and Ronald McCrimmon assisted with the curtains. The programme was as follows: selection, "March of the Brigands," orchestra; carol, "Bethlehem," school; recitation, "The Stockings' Christmas," Norton Welch; song, "Away in a Manger," the junior girls; play, "On Christmas Eve," senior pupils; recitation, "In Santa Claus Land," Rex Jackson; song, selected, Gladys Smedley; drill, "Sword Drill," ten junior boys; song, "Jolly Old St. Nicholas," six junior pupils; recitation, "Christmas," Mary Hamill; playlet, act 1, "Wings of Mignonette," junior girls; recitation, "Dolly's Barber," Violet Oak; act 2, "Wings of Mignonette," recitation, "A Pocket Full," Rodney Bayles; carol, "Carol Sweetly Carol," school; selection, "The Children's Valse," orchestra; God Save the King.

At the conclusion of the programme Herbert Pearce, former school trustee, was called upon to present prizes as follows: For general proficiency, Division 2, juniors, in Grade 4, Gladys Staverman; honorary mentioned, Gladys Smedley; Grade 3, Margaret Brotherton; honorary mentioned, Elsie Sing; Grade 2, Morton Welch; honorary mentioned, Margaret Merry; spelling award, Gladys Staverman; writing award, Elsie Sing; honorary mentioned, Eric Joe; good conduct prize, Gladys Smedley; Division 1, proficiency, Grade 4, Allen Jackson; proficiency, Grade 7, Elsie Smith; proficiency, Grade 6, Hamish Bullen; pro-

iciency, Grade 5, Rex Jackson; spelling award, Frank Yates; athletics, Jack Wilkinson and Charlie Baynes; good conduct, Alma Olson. Miss Ada Simpson presented certificates won by the piano class for passing the first year examination of the Canadian bureau for the advancement of music to the following pupils: Gladys Smedley, Stanley Jackson, Allen Jackson, Tom Dixon; Maurice Buckley, Rex Jackson and Howard Smedley.

Parents, friends and children then went into the senior school room, where a huge Christmas tree was the centre of interest. Eight bells were heard and a jolly Santa Claus, impersonated by D. B. Bullen, came tumbling into the room, and proceeded to distribute the gifts from the Christmas tree. The teachers, Miss L. Pearce, principal, and Miss H. Guy were recipients of books as a small token of esteem. Miss Pearce heartily thanked the parents for their co-operation, and so enabling the concert to be so successful. Every child received oranges, candy and nuts. Refreshments were served. Mrs. Henry Pike, Mrs. Malson and Mrs. Roy Carlow assisting in the kitchen, while Mrs. T. W. P. Jackson, Mrs. W. T. Dixon and Mrs. H. A. Hinks, assisted by the elder girls, served lemonade, sandwiches and cake. The school board wishes to thank all donors, and also Vancouver Milling and B and K. Company for their contributions.

Children's Books

If you make covers of heavy yellow wrapping paper for the children's school books, you can add a little ornamentation by drawing a border of red, white and blue crayon which will please the youngsters and help them identify them.

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STACKS!

Uncle Ray's Corner

The Christmas Surprise

A BRIGHT DAY

The West family had awakened early
Christmas morning, and had gathered
in the living room of their little farm
home."On look at the
pretty Christmas
tree!" cried the
year-old Edith.It was indeed a
pretty tree. The
ornaments from
the year before
had been saved,
and to these Ele-
nor had added new
ornaments which
she had bought
with a dollar from
her reward money.Mrs. West
handed the pre-
sents to those
whose names were
written on the
cards. There were
gifts from neighbors for every member
of the family. George had managed to
save about two dollars, and had pur-
chased presents for his parents and
sisters. The gifts from Eleanor were
a delight to everyone, especially to
Edith who was filled with joy over her
doll and doll bed.Eleanor had told of the loss of her
place to live at Spartanburg. Her
mother had tried to cheer the girl,
but in her own heart had felt sad over
the prospect of Eleanor not being able
to go to school.Suddenly there was a knock on the
door, and Eleanor ran to open it. What
was her surprise and delight to find
Professor and Mrs. Caldwell there!"We drove over to pay you a Christ-
mas call," said Mrs. Caldwell after en-
tering with her husband and being in-
troduced to the family. "Mr. Caldwell
and I have been talking things over,
and have decided that we need a bit
of help about the house, at least untilThere were gifts for every member of
the family.The baby gets to be a year or two old.
We are wondering whether you would
be willing to stay with us, Eleanor,
while you attend high school after the
holidays. I can take care of most of
the work, but if you could help out
during part of your free time, it would
be ever so fine."It did not take the Wests long to
decide that this was just the plan
which would make them all happy,
and Eleanor promised to be on hand
the day before the renewal of the
school session.Thus the lost purse, and the suc-
cessful effort to return it, led Eleanor
to find a happy place in which to live
while she went forward with her high
school studies.

(The End)

Uncle Ray

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MANY HAPPY
RETURNS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

Dorothy May Jones, 10 Linden
Avenue, Victoria, B.C. (10).
Eleanor Hall, 1310 Topaz Av-
enue, Victoria, B.C. (3).
Howard Baker, 456 Niagara
Street, Victoria, B.C. (6).

Eileen Lillian Porter, Regina
Avenue, Victoria, B.C. (10).
Shirley Bessie Ellis, 3255 Ten-
nyson Avenue, Victoria, B.C. (1).
Ian Gordon Scott, 540 Dallas
Road, Victoria, B.C. (2).

THE TIMES BIRTHDAY CLUB

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Santa Claus, World's Most
Loved Character, Is Spirit of
Christmas in Many Lands

By BERYL MILLER

SANTA CLAUS—the jolly old gen-
tleman with the ruddy cheeks and
flowing beard who gladdens the
hearts of children on Christmas Day—
is the world's best known and most
loved character.To be sure, he travels under a lot
of different names in foreign lands,
and he varies his methods to fit their
customs and traditions. But regard-
less of all that his work is all to the
same purpose and he is known and
loved all over the world.Why? Because he personifies the
Spirit of Christmas. Everywhere, he
is bringing good cheer and happiness.

TRAITS FROM MANY LANDS

Santa Claus's family history shows
that he is a composite individual,
combining traits from many lands.
He originated in Holland several hun-
dred years ago as a very stern but
charitable churchman in long black
robes. The Germans adopted him and
fitted the Christmas tree into his
programme. Then the English, calling
him Father Christmas, took him over
and made him into a fat, jolly old
fellow who was the children's patron
saint. The Norwegians next gave him
his team of prancing reindeer and
jingling sleigh, as one would expect
in such a northern country.And then, a hundred years ago, an
American—Clement Moore—wrote a
poem that combined all these features.
That poem was "The Night Before
Christmas," and it established Santa
Claus as we know him to-day.

RIDES A WHITE HORSE

In Belgium, as in Holland, Santa
Claus still rides a white horse when
he makes his rounds on Christmas
Eve. Little Dutch boys and girls place
their wooden shoes before the fire-
place so that the gifts dropped downthe chimney by Santa Claus will fall
into them.Although Santa is still rather a
stern disciplinarian in Holland, re-
warding good children with toys and
gifts and leaving switches in the
wooden shoes of the naughty ones,
he is more liberal in England. There
children are children and old Father
Christmas makes all of them happy,
good and bad alike.

DEVIL, ANGEL ACCOMPANY HIM

In Bohemia at Christmas time, good
old Saint Mikulas goes through the
villages with switches and toys, a
devil and an angel accompanying him.
The devil points out the naughty boys
and urges Saint Mikulas to give them
only switches, but the angel inter-
cedes for the naughty ones and always
wins her point when they promise
to be good in the future.Poland has a Christmas tradition
that is truly beautiful. The children
are told that at the hour of Christ's
birth, cows, horses and other dumb
beasts are endowed with speech, as
Christ was born in a manger. Chil-
dren go to the barns and plead with
the animals to talk with them—and
when the beasts refuse to answer, the
children know they have been naughty
and must be better next year. No
animals are worked on Christmas Day,
and even the cows are not milked,
the milk being left for the Mother of God,
should she pass that way and need it.In old Hungary, Christmas is "Karac-
sony." Shoes are placed on the door-
step. Sugar is placed therein for the
good children, switches for the
naughty.In Greece, good Hagios Vasillos
makes his rounds, delivering gifts to
the children. His other name is Saint
Basil.In Spain the children put their
shoes on the balcony before the familyleaves for church on Christmas morn-
ing, leaving tufts of straw and hay therein
for Santa Claus's horse. Returning,
the children find the shoes filled
with presents.In Italy the festival season begins
on the day of good old Saint Nicolo,
the giver of gifts. But the gifts are
distributed by "the Befana," a witch-
like old woman in long black robes.
In Sweden and Norway, white-haired
and jolly Father Christmas brings his
gifts on a jingling sleigh with pranc-
ing reindeer. All work is suspended
for several days as happy family re-
unions and ski-jumping contests are
held.

GNOMES BRING GIFTS

In Denmark, little is heard of Santa
Claus. The presents for the children
are not brought by him but by gay
little gnomes who are reputed to wear
hats and are invisible to childish eyes.The French Christmas is "Noel,"
meaning "good news." And it was the
French who originated the Yule log
and the Christmas cake, now part
and parcel of Santa's programme in
many lands.In Germany Christmas is the hap-
piest day in the year with feasting
and family merry-making. The Ger-
mans originated the Christmas tree—
even if the Norwegians did hit upon
the idea of decorating it with colored
lights, in honor of the aurora borealis.And so, as Santa Claus makes his
rounds at Christmas time, he takes
on many different forms and travels
under many different names in vari-
ous lands. But regardless of whether
he is the good Kris Kringle in Holland,
the good Hagios Vasillos in Greece, the
good Father Christmas in England or the
good Saint Mikulas in Bohemia, he
is all the same.

For he is the Spirit of Christmas.

DAILY HEALTH SERVICE
Many Industrial Chemicals May
Affect Workers' Skins
By DR. MORRIS FISHBENIt is now generally recognized that
numerous chemical substances used in
industry may affect the skin, with
the production of eruptions, irrita-
tions, and in some cases, even cancer.Painters, plasterers and dentists are
known to suffer due to eruptions
from turpentine, lime and similar
chemicals. Not infrequently a second-
ary infection occurs on the spot that
has been irritated and thereby lowers
the resistance.Specialists in diseases of the skin
sometimes find that henna, which is
incorporated in hair dyes, will cause
eruptions resembling those due to the
chemical found in dyed furs. Eyebrow
pencils which contain mascara or vari-
ous coal tar products produce in some
people redness and swelling of the
upper eyelids.Various chemical substances for re-
moving hair contain barium sulphide,
which produce an irritation of the
skin. Some shaving creams have a
sufficient amount of alkali in them
to irritate a sensitive skin.In addition to direct irritation from
the chemical, there is the possibility
of reaction because the person is
especially sensitive to some drug or
chemical substance. Not infrequently
babies have severe irritations of the
buttocks due to chemicals in the ex-
cretions. Thus in some cases the
action of a germ on the fluid that is
secreted by the chemicals which
it contains into products, one of which
is ammonia, and the ammonia is irri-
tating to the skin.In the case of such irritation from
the diaper, the growth of the germ
which brings about the formation of
ammonia may be prevented by wash-
ing the diapers in antiseptic solutions.Obviously in cases of irritation of
the skin such as have been described,
the matter of first importance is to
determine exactly the cause. Usually
with removal of the cause of the irri-
tation, the disease promptly disappears.particularly after the physician pre-
scribes a healing lotion or ointment
or some other measure to aid healing
and to protect the skin during the
healing process.In some cases, in which the skin has
seemed to be especially irritable, vari-
ous means have been attempted to de-
crease the irritation. Among these
are application of ultra-violet rays to
the point of tanning, and sometimes
the use of Roentgen ray or X-ray to
hasten the activity of the cells and to
overcome the itching.The relief afforded by such meas-
ures, however, is only temporary, and
it is important in every case to deter-
mine the cause and to remove the
source of irritation.INDIANS NOT
IN GREAT NEEDIndians of British Columbia are not
suffering to a great extent from
present unemployment conditions, ac-
cording to W. E. Ditchburn, Indian
Commissioner for the province. Fish-
ing has been good this year and pros-
pects are excellent for the trapping
season, he said.In addition, several tribes have large
sums of money outstanding to their
credit with the government and the
revenue-of-the-tribes is supplemented
by the interest from this source.Indians have, of course, been affected
by the conditions and a larger sum
than usual will be spent this year on
relieving need and the department will
continue to deal with various cases as
they arise, he added.

ITALY CURRENCY PLAN

Rome, Dec. 23.—The council of min-
isters to-day approved a proposal pro-
longing the privilege of issuing cur-
rency by the Bank of Italy until De-
cember 31, 1930.ARE YOU SURE
ABOUT YOUR COAL DEALER?Do you always feel "safe" when you telephone
him your order? When you have ordered
"Nanaimo-Wellington" Coal does your delivery-slip
always show "Nanaimo-Wellington"? And do you
actually get ALL "Nanaimo-Wellington"?Can you tell one coal from another? Do you know,
for instance, the difference between a high-grade
bituminous coal from Vancouver Island . . . and
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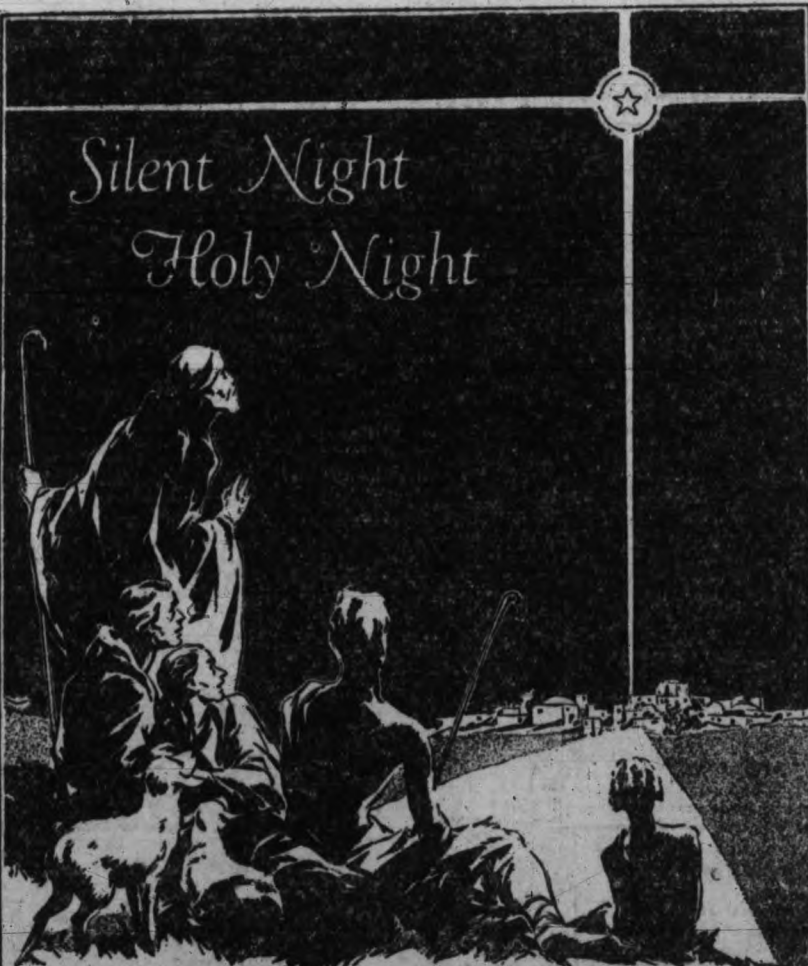
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NEWS IN BRIEF

John N. Newman of Chemainus was granted a divorce from Mary Frances Newman by Mr. Justice D.A. Macdonald in the Supreme Court here. O. J. Boulton was counsel for Mr. Newman.

Convicted of assaulting Mrs. Peter Lanchick, Alexander Lanchick was sentenced to one month hard labor by Magistrate George Jay in Saanich Police Court yesterday.

Permit for salesmen to the Electric Railway Company offices at Fort and Langley Streets was taken out at the City Hall to-day. The work will be done by Parfitt Brothers, and will cost about \$4,000.

The Times editorial staff wishes to acknowledge Christmas gifts of cigars, cigarettes and chocolates from the following: Mayor Anson, Alderman J. A. Worthington, Chief John Fry, George Patton, Canadian National Railways and the Victoria and District Basketball League.

The following were the lucky winners of turkey in the St. Paul's Tennis Club annual Christmas drawing: D. Melville, Johnson Street; V. Game, Admirals Road; A. Lockley, Esquimalt Road; E. Clarke, 1044 McClure Street, and J. E. Shaw, c/o Canadian Immigration Building.

John Lee, 749 Figgard Street, was taken to Jubilee Hospital yesterday evening for treatment to bruises and cuts received when his vegetable truck turned over and dropped down a six-foot embankment at Victoria West Park after a slight collision with another car.

Following an agreement arranged by the two parties, W. A. Brethour, as counsel for Theodore A. Miles, has filed in the Supreme Court here a discontinuance of the action against Branson, Brown and Co., stock brokers, for delivery of stock and money held on Mr. Miles' account; when the firm closed its doors several weeks ago. Elliott, Maclean and Shandley acted for the stock brokers.

Additional donations received during Christmas week, as follows: J. B. Tipton, \$1.00; Products of Western Canada \$10.00; Mrs. C. Abbott \$20.00; Naval Canteen, R.C.N. Barracks \$25.00; Mrs. Butler \$25.00; F. Merrifield \$1.00; Mrs. Young \$1.00; Staff of Thomas Pilling Limited \$10.00; Dry Land Wood \$5.00; R. Hayward \$5.00; R. Gordon \$1.00; Doreen Nunn \$3.00; Radio Station CPCT \$49.50; G.E.C. \$1.50; John C. H. \$1.00; per Colonist Office \$2,081.52; per Times Office \$571.98; Normal Sewell \$1.00; B. and B. Jones \$1.00; Victoria Chapter No. 176, Order of Eastern Star \$25.00; Anon \$1.00.

Pride of the Island Lodge, Sons of England Benefit Society, held a very successful Christmas social at the evening in the S.O.E. Hall, Broad Street. An entertainment of comic sketches, instrumental solos and recitations was followed by an enjoyable dance in which about 200 took part. Refreshments were served after the concert in the dining-room and the drawing took place for the thirteen prizes given away by the lodge. The winning numbers were as follows: 300, turkey; 70, turkey; 436, turkey; 409, turkey; 56, turkey; 551, turkey; 424, roast of beef; 381, capon; 478, lady's manicure set; 348, smoking set; 755, leather cigarette case; 422, Christmas cake; 699, load of kindling wood.

**SAANICH OPENS
RELIEF FUND**
Movement Initiated With Gift of \$200

A relief fund has been initiated by Saanich, at the instance of E. C. Mayers of Cadboro Bay. Mr. Mayers supported his suggestion with a donation of \$200. Steve H. C. Oldfield this morning announced the official opening of the fund in the following statement:

"On behalf of the community I would express appreciation of the suggestion and gift made by Mr. Mayers. In the generous response the public is making, in the nature of Christmas cheer, to those in need, the council feels that while all may be cared for at this particular season, it will be but temporary relief. Many urgent calls must be met early in the New Year, particularly for clothing for the children. Such a fund will prove a blessing to those whose circumstances are necessitated through extraneous conditions. It would be administered by the charity committee of the council. Councilors F. Borden and F. J. Crowhurst with R. P. Sewell, municipal clerk. They are in direct touch with the work, but hampered to some extent through lack of funds. "May I therefore appeal, on behalf of the committee, for any donation, no matter how small, to be made as far as possible, but as the district is large, subscriptions direct to the Municipal Hall, Royal Oak, would be appreciated and gratefully acknowledged," he concluded.

**Auto Punctures
Are Costly Boys
Find in Court**

Two youths who appeared in Oak Bay Police Court yesterday afternoon discovered to their sorrow that they cannot puncture automobiles tires with impunity. The lads did damage estimated at \$37.50 to several cars in the neighborhood of the Willows grounds on December 16 and were apprehended by police. The magistrate imposed six months suspended sentence and ordered the boys to make good the damage.

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SANTA CLAUS VISITS CLUB MEN

Louis Marks Cups Presented at Annual Turkey Dinner of Pacific Club

One hundred attended the annual Christmas turkey dinner of the Pacific Club yesterday evening at which the president, Louis Marks, presented cups and trophies.

The golf championship cup was presented to former Chief of Police A. E. E. of Shanghai; the domino championship cup to Police Commissioner Walter E. Stenland; the special Louis Marks golf cup to J. V. Weston. The bridge tournament was completed during the evening and the championship presented to J. J. J.

After a programme of speeches by members congratulating President Marks, J. H. Beatty, M.P., showed his glowing picture of local golf and other incidents. George I. Warren also presented a programme of movies. In a billiard match with twenty-four members on each side, the president's team beat the vice-president's team by thirteen points.

Santa Claus in costume with some of his retainers visited the Pacific Club on Christmas night and distributed twenty-five turkeys, a load of hams, boxes of cigars and other things to members of the club. A forty-pound turkey was the largest of the lot, which strutted on a billiard table during the proceedings, was raffled off and won by Arthur Courtney. Mr. Courtney explained that as he was a married man with a family he did not need such a large turkey and raffled the bird. He donated the whole of the proceeds of the raffle to the mayor's fund for unemployment relief.

YULETIDE TRADE SETS NEW MARK

Wholesale dealers are preparing for a large late-minute demand for Christmas products. With business for the Christmas week almost over dealers along Wholesale Row think that a new record for the amount of business done has been set, although figures are not yet available.

This morning the local dealers were cleaned out of cranberries and an emergency shipment had to be made from Vancouver so that the trade would be able to have cranberry sauce with their turkey. Smyrna figs and table raisins were lacking, but it was thought that the call for these would not be strong. Other commodities that are almost finished are Japanese oranges and grapes. It is expected that the stock on hand of Japanese oranges will be sufficient to meet the supply for the holiday but no more will be ordered after the present supply is finished.

A carload each of navel oranges and Florida grapefruit arrived this morning and the wholesalers are very pleased with both the size and quality of the fruit. It is expected that the supply of bulk fruit will be sufficient to meet the demand for the holiday but no more will be ordered after the present supply is finished.

AGUA CALIENTE ENTRIES

First race—Six furlongs, three years and up; claim.	107
Bury Boy	107
Engineer Day	107
Northern Pass	107
Sandy Man	107
Altavaz	107
Phil K.	107
Shasta Grassy	107
Little Boy	107
George Van	107
Nellie Basil	107
Hit the Deck	107
Escapade	107
Freedom II	107
Ray	107
Paige	107
Lord Douglas	107
Second race—Five and one-half furlongs, three years and up; claim.	107
Enthus Edward	107
Larkin	107
Bury Boy	107
Parnell	107
Athena	107
Red Cross Princess	107
Beth Long	107
Sunny Boy	107
Fair Allan	107
Aspin Lake	107
Omrah	107
Frank Galle	107
Nana	107
Rodolfs	107
Third race—Five and one-half furlongs, two year claim.	107
Lamlet	107
Morpheus	107
A-Miss Cheyenne	107
Princess Couta	107
Rose Carlisle	107
Geo. Genard	107
Way Widow	107
Meine Keala	107
Jenkins Rochester	107
Mary Mede	107
Princess Diana	107
Satisfier	107
Our Billy	107
A-Wittoria	107
Fery French	107
Trompe	107
Little Effort	107
Sam Tischer	107
A-Irwin Entry	107
Fourth race—Five and one-half furlongs, all ages.	98
Clanbell	98
Bertrand	98
Keep On	98
Shasta Pear	98
Branson	98
Conciliation	98
Beth Koss	98
Parnell Boy	98
Gold Rush	98
The Cheochee	98
Handicap, all ages.	112
Caruso	112
St. Prisca	112
Good and Hot	112
Hay Trick	112
Hit Diddle	112
B-Alex. Pantages	112
Lamp Black	112
Saint Jim	112
B-Shasta Bullet	112
Nellie Cusla	112
B-Pantages Mary	112
Sixth race, mile and one-sixteenth, three years and up, claiming.	112
Shasta Nut	112
Seagrave	112
Sanbar	112
Pepper Shot	112
Teelote	112
Lady Basil	112
Golden Sweep	112
Ray Ruddy	112
Shasta Pope	112
Freight Clerk	112
Jack Alexander	112
Hopelers	112
Tommy McComb	112
Melover	112
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WILL CUT POWER LINE ON FRIDAY FOR FOUR HOURS

Electric power service to Bamber-ton, Shewan Lake, Mill Bay and Cobble Hill will be interrupted for four hours on Friday morning. The high tension transmission line will be shut down between 8 o'clock and noon. Cessation of service will cause the cessation of service to the officials of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company Limited this morning announced.

Well-known City Foreman Died In Hospital To-day

Charlton Hedley Pearson, a resident of this city for twenty-seven years and for many years foreman in charge of the city's rock crushing work, passed away this morning at St. Joseph's Hospital, aged seventy-one years. He was born in Northumberland, England, and is survived by his widow, at the family residence, 18 Cambridge Street, one daughter, Mrs. Jesse Swartz, Secro Woolley, Wash., and two grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Frank Leroy of Victoria, and four brothers, John, Vancouver; Thomas, Nanaimo; and William and Fred, of this city. The funeral will be held from the Sands Funeral Chapel Saturday at 2 o'clock. Interment will be in the family plot in Ross Bay Cemetery.

OBITUARY

The funeral of Donald Shaw, two-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick William Shaw, of 354 Garbally Road, took place yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Sands Funeral Chapel. Relatives and friends were present and the little casket was covered with many beautiful flowers. Rev. Daniel Walker officiated, and the remains were laid at rest in Ross Bay Cemetery.

The funeral of Louis Boscoe, who passed away in this city on Sunday took place this morning from McCall Bros' Funeral Home, and proceeded to Our Lady of Lourdes Church, where mass was celebrated at 9 o'clock. Rev. Father J. R. Buckley was the celebrant. Interment was made at Ross Bay Cemetery with the following acting as pallbearers: G. Chapman, F. Hart, H. Johnson and P. Morris.

George Hay Weatherston, a former resident of Victoria, passed away at his home, "Capitulum," 73 Balfour Road, Sydney, Australia, on December 22, according to word received in the city yesterday. The late Mr. Weatherston was survived by his widow, two daughters, Mrs. W. P. Davis and Mrs. E. V. Colville, both of Sydney, and two brothers in Scotland.

The death occurred yesterday at Margold, Saanich, of Karin Prunland, aged eighty-six years, a native of Sweden and a resident here for twenty years. She is survived by one son, Peter Prunland, Ladysmith, and two daughters, Mrs. Annie Clunk, Victoria, and Mrs. M. Swanson, Ladysmith. The remains are resting at the Thompson and Petherly Funeral Home, from where service will take place Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Dr. Glen Davies will officiate.

The death occurred this morning at the family residence, 117 Hilda Street, of Elizabeth Russell, widow of the late John Russell, in her ninety-third year. She had been a resident of Victoria for twenty-nine years. The funeral will be held from the Thompson and Petherly Funeral Home on Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Rev. F. A. Bannay officiating. It is requested that no flowers be sent. Interment will be in the family plot in Ross Bay Cemetery.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Burch will take place on Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Thompson and Petherly Funeral Home. Rev. W. O. Williams will officiate after which the remains will be taken to Vancouver for cremation.

Funeral services will be held at St. Andrew's Cathedral on Saturday morning at 9 o'clock for Mrs. Kate Lewis, widow of the late Joseph Lewis, well-known resident of Ladysmith, who passed away yesterday evening in this city, aged seventy-seven years. Mrs. Lewis was born in Cork, Ireland, and came to Victoria forty-five years ago. She lived for many years in Ladysmith. She leaves two daughters, Mrs. J. E. MacDonald, of 720 Wilson Street, Victoria, and Mrs. A. Craven, of 706 Pine Street; one son, J. T. Lewis, of 180 St. Charles Street; also one brother, Mr. Thomas O'Connell, of 1112 Main Street, and ten grandchildren. The funeral arrangements are in the hands of McCall Bros.

The funeral of Mrs. Lois Fielding took place from Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel yesterday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, proceeding to St. Michael's Church, West Saanich Road, where service was conducted at 2 o'clock by Rev. F. Conley, in the presence of many friends. The casket was covered with beautiful floral offerings, and the pallbearers were Ernest Moss, Wilfred Moss, Charles Moss and Nathan G. Johnston. Interment was made in St. Michael's Churchyard.

Funeral services were held at Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock for Gerald Charles Clare, Rev. E. Moss officiating. The hymns sung were "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" and "There's a Friend for Little Children." Many friends were present, and numerous beautiful floral designs were received. The pallbearers, all naval men, were C.P.O. Jenkins, C.P.O. Randall, C.E.R.A. Jones and P.O. Willocks. The remains were laid to rest in Ross Bay Cemetery.

The death occurred at St. Joseph's Hospital yesterday of Miss Molly Malone, of 2330 Hampshire Terrace, youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Malone of Ingersoll, Ontario, where she was born forty-five years ago. She is survived by one brother, E. P. Malone of Toronto, three sisters, Miss Dora Malone of this city, Miss Malone and Mrs. Barrie in Woodstock. The remains are resting at Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel and will be forwarded on Friday to Woodstock for interment.

A funeral service will be held Friday morning at 11 o'clock at Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel.

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Children of Unemployed at Jolly Christmas Party at Armories

Five hundred children were made happy with Christmas toys at the party at the Armories Monday, arranged by a committee of the unemployed, which successfully appealed to the generosity of citizens to provide gifts for the children of those out of work.

The party which started at 5 o'clock and lasted until 8 o'clock, was thoroughly enjoyed by the parents and the youngsters. Lieutenant - Governor Bruce and Mayor Macdonald were in attendance. The 10th Canadian Scottish band provided bright music. Jack Nickle and his company put on some clever clown acts, which were greeted with great applause. Will Macdonald was on hand to keep the ball of fun rolling merrily. Refreshments were provided for everybody.

Santa Claus arrived from David Spencer Limited in a blaze of glory about 7 o'clock to begin the important task of distributing toys. All got something. Some got two or three toys.

Donations not before acknowledged are as follows: Francis Crochford, Mrs. J. Food, Dr. Luden, toys; A. Friend, candy; Mrs. Collier, cake; Mrs. McElae, Mrs. Pith, Mrs. Grant, oranges and candy; A. R. Decker, cake; A. Friend, Japanese oranges; Mrs. Ray, candy and toys; books and toys; Constable Wilkinson, two boxes of Japanese oranges; Doris Ashdown, Mrs. Lombard, Bobby and Patricia Doray, toys; Deighton's Tire Shop, five gallons gas; A. Friend, games; A. Friend, four Christmas stockings and cake; Dorothy Simpson, candy; Jack Ford, candy; Mrs. Victoria Bakery, ten loaves bread; Ideal Meat Market, meat; Fletcher's Meat Market, sliced meat; Oiler & Sparks, loaf of rope falls; Thos. Pilling, use of truck; Brown Cartage, haulage; Mc Mc & Prior, rope; 1332 Richmond, sandwiches; Mrs. Lowe, bread, apples, etc.; Boy Scouts, toys; McLeod-Dowman Co., battery service; A. Friend, two books; Mrs. Davis, toys; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hibbs, oranges and cake; Mrs. McIntyre, Mrs. Gale, Jean McConnell, toys; A. Friend, \$1.00; John Ward, doll clothes, toys, jam and biscuits; Master Jack Banner, A. Friend, Zimmerman, two cakes; Geo. Powell & Sons, Watson & McGregor, rope; A. Friend, three loaves bread; Dr. Watson, Mrs. S. M. Armstrong, toys; Lang Ling's baskets and hankies; Panama Hotel, John Hon, Horseshoe, oranges; Lou Pouy, Young Co., Y. W. Lin, Tong Yen, three cases oranges; Mrs. Cassidy, box apples; Wilkinson Jeweler, rings; Williams, green grocer, oranges; E. C. Thompson, Helen Ockenden, toys; W. H. Duncan Co., eight cases of pop; Bervan Sign Works, two signs; Turner, Boston Co., twenty yards cheese cloth; Sidney Roofing & Paper Co., 500 paper plates and four rolls paper; Norrington's Bakery, dishes and tables; Mrs. McElae, robe; Mrs. O'Connell, Mrs. Mathews, record; 4X Bakeries, slab cakes; Rennie & Taylor, boys; Port Street Garage and Super Service, electrical repairs to car; The Thompson and Eliza Sterling came to their deaths by fire through the burning of their residence at Cowichan Station, the origin of the fire being unknown.

A peculiar feature of the fire was the discovery of a box containing photographs, reported to have been used as receptacle for valuables, outside the dwelling, by the firefighters.

No explanation of the presence of the box outside the destroyed house was forthcoming at the inquest.

The funeral of Mr. Thompson will be held after word has been received from relatives in Scotland.

The funeral of Mrs. Sterling will be held Friday afternoon from Whidden's Undertaking Parlor.

HOTEL LOBBY GOSSIP

Capt. H. S. Pearson of Inan, County Clare, Ireland, arrived in the city today from southern California and is staying at the Empress Hotel over the Christmas holidays.

He has been visiting Santa Barbara, Capt. Pearson said to-day his trip to Victoria had no special significance. He knows the coast very well, making annual winter tours to California from his home in Ireland.

Miss Margaret Allan came in from San Francisco this morning and is staying at the Empress Hotel for the festive season.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Hodgson, of Ocean Falls, are also at the Empress to-day.

Mr. Hodgson is hydraulic engineer with the Pacific Mills Lumber Co. He says the residents of Ocean Falls, which is a small company town, did their share in spreading the Christmas spirit by raising about \$1,000 towards the Vancouver relief fund.

Visitors from Portland to-day included Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Ridgway and family, who will spend the holiday here.

Members of the English company which to-morrow and for the remainder of the week will present "Mermaid," a play by L. Allan Barker and F. R. Prior, which ran for seven hundred nights in the Kingsway Theatre in London, have arrived in the city and are staying at the Dominion.

Jean Clyde is the leading lady in the company. Manager Pocket, of London, is at the Dominion with his wife.

R. M. Tinkler, of Shanghai, is a guest at the Dominion for the holidays.



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BULLS GET RELIEF FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

Santa Claus gave the bulls a little cheer for their Christmas Eve. Winnipeg wheat market held within a cent to-day.

The old pegged options in Chicago continued firm. July wheat and corn were narrow.

The Lower House of Holland has accepted a quota system requiring an admixture of native wheat and flour with all imported grades.

"The wheat situation presents nothing new the world over," The Chicago Tribune says to-day. "A little later in the season, Argentine hedges will be a factor in foreign markets and possibly Winnipeg as well as in Argentine markets."

"Foreign advice relative to wheat was a little more encouraging, one item being that Argentine offerings had diminished," The Journal of Commerce says to-day. "Were there more stability to the Argentine situation, the trade would have more confidence. The fear is that Argentine wheat will be pressing for sale with detrimental effect on prices. It is intimated that large foreign sales of Canadian wheat had been made and that more business was in prospect."

Canadian wheat visible this week stands at 123,962,000 bushels; against 122,149,000 last week and 144,941,000 a year ago.

WINNIPEG

(By Logan & Bryan)
Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—Wheat: The wheat market was more or less of a holiday affair to-day with little of feature going on. Export sales overnight were very scant and insignificant, while Liverpool market was inclined to be easy, and this caused the Winnipeg market to decline during the first part of the session. Around mid-session there was some buying of Chicago wheat, which was understood to be short covering and prices ran up one cent from bottom levels, but this bulge was not held.

After the Chicago market had closed at 12 o'clock this market held steady at around the previous close, but there was a very small business passing with no particular pressure. While export business continues disappointingly small, there are many indications of a broader all-around inquiry for Canadian wheat from many quarters and it would not be surprising to see an enlarged business develop after the turn of the year, despite the large surplus supplies.

Foreign cables indicate that there is less pressure to sell both from Argentine and Canadian shippers and exporters. The cash demand to-day was of a holiday character, offerings were light and spreads about unchanged. Millers report flour trade as very quiet. Winnipeg closed 1/4 higher to 1/2 lower.

Coarse grains: These markets were steady with prices firm but little changed from Tuesday. There was a little evening up in all markets, but otherwise the market was quiet. Oats closed 1/4 higher to unchanged, barley 1/4 up to unchanged and rye 1/4 to 1/2 up.

Flax: This market firm but very quiet with trade passing. Closing prices were 1/4 to 1/2 higher.

Liverpool due 1/2 to 1/4 higher based on Winnipeg.

Wheat—	Open	High	Low	Close
December	55	55 1/2	55 1/4	55 1/4
May	55 1/2	56 1/4	55 3/4	55 3/4
July	55 3/4	56 1/4	55 3/4	55 3/4
Oats—				
December	26 1/2	26 3/4	26 1/4	26 1/4
May	26 3/4	27 1/4	26 1/4	26 1/4
July	26 1/4	26 3/4	26 1/4	26 1/4
Rye—				
December	29 1/2	29 3/4	29 1/4	29 1/4
May	29 3/4	30 1/4	29 1/4	29 1/4
July	29 1/4	29 3/4	29 1/4	29 1/4
Barley—				
December	23 1/2	23 3/4	23 1/4	23 1/4
May	23 3/4	24 1/4	23 1/4	23 1/4
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Liverpool, Dec. 24.—The following grain quotations were supplied by Broomfield, Liverpool, to-day, all prices c.f. cost, insurance and freight, Liverpool.

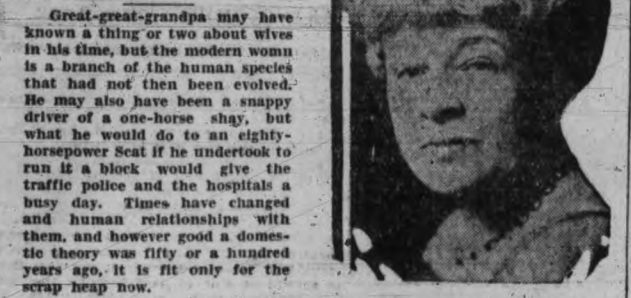
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TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

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Dorothy Dix

ONE OF the curious things in this progressive age is that so many men are still bound by the traditions of the past about what constitutes a good wife. They blindly accept great-grandfather's specifications of what a wife's duties and obligations should be and the general line of conduct she should follow, which is just about as sensible as following great-grandmother's recipe for making tallow candles instead of snapping on the electricity.



Great-grandpa may have known a thing or two about wives in his time, but the modern woman is a branch of the human species that had not then been evolved. He may also have been a snappy driver of a one-horse shay, but what he would do to an eighty-horsepower car if he undertook to run it a block would give the traffic police and the hospitals a busy day. Times have changed and human relationships with them, and however good a domestic theory was fifty or a hundred years ago, it is fit only for the scrap heap now.

No modern man would take the advice of the ancients about how to conduct his business or how to perform an operation or even preach a sermon, but, amazingly enough, he turns to the patriarchs for precedent about how to run his home.

Consider the virtues that men most extol in women. In-growing domesticity. Excessive wifely and motherly devotion. In reality, the individual man isn't particularly crazy about these qualities in a woman. Oftener than not they weary him to extinction, but he demands them in his wife because he is a slave to a superstition that has been handed down from generation to generation that a good wife should be like a snail—always carry her house on her back and that she should never have a thought except about her family.

Consider also the faults that men most complain of in their wives. Gadding about. Belonging to clubs. Clothes. Desire for amusements. Not devoting all of their times to their families. Now, as a matter of fact, very few men, when pressed to the wall, can give any valid reason why they deprecate their wives doing any of these things in moderation. Actually they don't object personally, but they have to make the gesture and raise a ruckus about it because they are still clinging to grandpa's point of view about women.

It is a great pity that men refuse to come up-to-date on this subject, because we now know that the very virtues that grandpa so admired in wives are the things that are the undoing of marriage and that the vices that he reprobated are its salvation.

Take, for instance, the old idea that a woman should never go out of her home and that her every interest in life should be bounded by the four walls of her house. That one theory has sent more husbands philandering than any other one thing on earth. For its logical working out was to make the wife dull and stupid and narrowminded, with a conversational repertoire that ran from the nursery to the kitchen and back again and made her such heavy company that a man of any intelligence was bound to flee from her to some more peppy lady to keep himself from being bored to death.

If a man knows what is good for him, he doesn't try to chain his wife to the kitchen range or lock the front door on her. On the contrary, he urges her to get out of the house and go and see how other people live because that is the best remedy yet devised for keeping a woman satisfied with her lot. He encourages her to doll herself up so that she is easy on his eyes and he rouses her interest in as many subjects as possible so that he may have an entertaining companion instead of a tedious one.

Then there is the matter of wives belonging to clubs. Those of us who are middle-aged can remember when it was prophesied that the women's clubs would break up the home, and there are a lot of benighted men who still refuse to let their wives join clubs because grandpa didn't let grandpa. But instead of women's clubs breaking up the home they are the bulwark of it, because when wifely comes in from her Current Events Society or her bridge club, she is so bright and chatty and running over with entertaining gossip that she makes the dinner table like a party instead of a meal that is eaten in sullen silence because everybody has been talked out and has nothing to say.

It is the wise man who realize that a woman's club is a safety valve that keeps her from blowing up the domestic menage. It gives her something interesting to think about instead of leaving her mind to dwell on her John's particular faults and frailties. Besides, if she has the reforming complex, and what woman hasn't, it gives her a chance to work off her energies in that line on some cause instead of taking it out on her suffering husband.

And there is recreation, which grandpa considered frivolous for a married woman to indulge in and which a great many other husbands still think is unnecessary because grandpa did and who hold that a wife and mother should not desire any livelier amusement than cooking and washing and scrubbing and walking the baby with the colic.

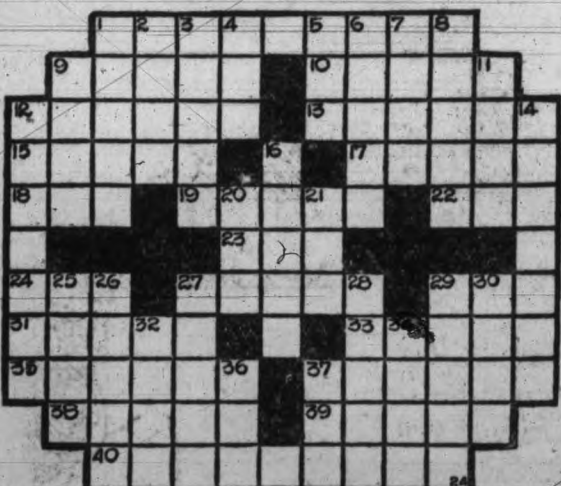
If men would only discard this outmoded opinion, what they could save themselves from!—What peace and joy might be theirs! Now they could make wives eat out of their hands! Because it is the boredom of doing the same monotonous tasks over day after day and year after year that makes women peevish.

It is because they have nothing new and thrilling to think of that makes them naggy and keeps them harping forever on the same old subject. It is because their husbands never take them out and give them a good time that makes them disgruntled. A movie a week, a dance, a dinner at a restaurant would save half of the divorces.

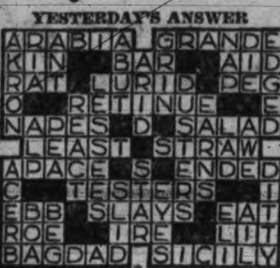
So, isn't it about time for men to break away from the superstitions of their forefathers about wives and use modern tactics in dealing with modern women?

DOROTHY DIX.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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| 10 Audibly. | 38 Wanderer. | 3 Nodding. | 10 Profound. |
| 12 Potter's tool. | 39 Unique. | 4 To rot flax. | 11 Treacher. |
| 13 Wig. | 40 Drawing back. | 5 Channel. | 12 Rubber ends of pencils. |
| 15 Lubricated. | | 6 Common shad. | 13 Overpowers ing fright. |
| 17 To guide. | | | 14 Nominal value. |
| 18 One in cards. | | | 15 Male sheep. |
| 19 Extra part. | | | 16 Wing-like. |
| 22 Mineral spring. | | | 17 Wen. |
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| 24 Derby. | | | 19 Vapid. |
| 27 Cup edges. | | | 20 Deputy. |
| 29 Reverence. | | | 21 Existed. |
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Ella Cinders



Ella was mildly disappointed with her new face even though it is minus the freckles.....



WE SHOULD ACCEPT WHAT WE HAVE AND BE GRATEFUL! WE SHOULD ALL BE RECONCILED TO OUR FACES! A FACE IS REALLY AN EXPRESSION OF THE SOUL!



FOR INSTANCE! WE LIVE OUR LIVES AND IN SO DOING MOLD OUR SOULS, AND OUR FACES ARE THE PHYSICAL EXPRESSION OF OUR SOULS!



WHEN WE LIVE CLEAN, UPRIGHT LIVES OUR FACES REFLECT OUR FAST LIVES THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF LOVELY COUNTENANCES!

Mutt and Jeff



THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS IS IN THE AIR. PEACE ON EARTH! GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN! IT MAKES ME REMORSEFUL TO THINK HOW I TREATED JEFF ALL YEAR! HERE HE IS NOW!



JEFF, MY LITTLE PAL—FROM NOW ON—YOU ARE GOING TO GET NOTHING BUT THE BEST!



DID YOU GET HIS NUMBER?



THAT'S THE MAN! WE'LL TEACH YOU PEDESTRIANS HAS GOT RIGHTS!

The Gumps



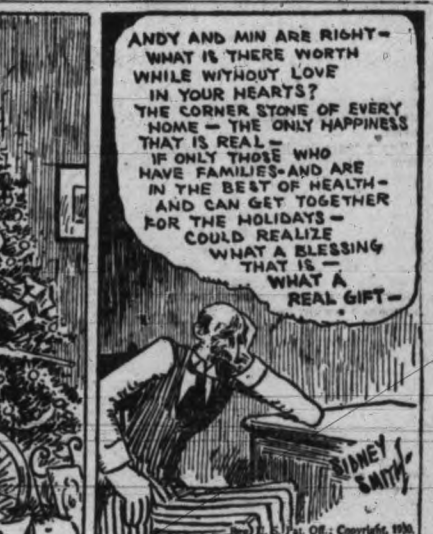
CHRISTMAS EVE—AND WHAT A CHRISTMAS THIS WILL BE FOR THE GUMPS—



A PRESENT I GOT FOR CHESTER—



BOY! I'D LIKE TO SEE THE LOOKS ON THOSE KIDS' FACES WHEN THEY SEE THIS!



THAT'S THE REAL PLEASURE OF LIVING, MIN—WHAT WOULD THIS WORLD MEAN TO US IF WE DIDN'T HAVE EACH OTHER—AND THE KIDDIES TO PLAY SANTA CLAUS TO?

Bringing Up Father



OH, YES, I KNOW YOU ARE CALLIN' ON MY DAUGHTER—BUT I COULDN'T THINK OF YOU AS A SON-IN-LAW—MY DAUGHTER COULDN'T LIVE ON COLLEGE YELLS!



BUT I'M GOING INTO BIG FINANCE WHEN I QUIT COLLEGE!



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Special to The Times
Duncan, Dec. 24.—Some sixty-five children of the district were entertained by the "Brownies" under the direction of their "Brown Owl," Mrs. E. W. Neel, in the Guild Hall, on Monday afternoon. Games and tea were provided and a huge Christmas tree, from which Santa Claus gave each child a toy and a book. Every family also was given a box of oranges and a sack of coal, thanks to the generosity of the Brownies' parents, friends and members of the guide committee.

BANK OF ITALY GOVERNOR DIES

Rome, Dec. 24.—G. C. Bonaldo, governor of the Bank of Italy, died here today.

He was seventy-seven years old and a former Minister of the Treasury. He became director-general of the Bank of Italy in 1900 and its governor in 1928.

MANY SHIPS PASS HERE

Ships Left Vancouver Yesterday For Many World Ports With Large Cargoes

Yesterday was a busy day along the Victoria waterfront. Besides several ships in dock here a large number of vessels passed along the Dallas Road seaward on their way from Vancouver to various world ports.

Among the ships docking here were the Blue Funnel liner *Protestant*, which arrived in the morning from the Orient and the Canadian National freighter *Canadian Emperor* which docked at Ogden Point in the early afternoon from Montreal and left at 6 o'clock for Vancouver after discharging 400 tons of general cargo here.

Seattle, Dec. 24.—The steamer *West* left here yesterday to load 7,000 boxes of apples and 1,000,000 feet of lumber on Puget Sound for the East coast of South America. The vessel will ship to Vancouver for 2,000 tons of general cargo and will load 2,000,000 feet of lumber on Gray's Harbor.

Captain A. H. Westberg said by decorating himself and officers and crew with red handkerchiefs, symbol of the South American revolutionists, they were successful in getting the *West* into the harbor.

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—Another large Diesel engine, constructed in the San Francisco Bay district, is to be loaded shortly aboard the freighter *Stuart Dollar* for delivery in the Orient. The motor weighs five hundred horsepower.

The motor is the twelfth large Diesel unit to be shipped out of here to the East coast, and is to be installed in a steel tug for the Luzon Stevedoring Company of Hongkong. Loaded down 3,000 barrels of whale oil, the former oil tanker *Lansing*, now a ship of the *California* fleet, arrived here today after cruising the Pacific since last March.

The *Lansing* was accompanied by the whaling tug *Port Saunders* and *Hawk*.

IS PROMOTED



ALEX. PEERS

who was recently appointed assistant superintendent of motive power at Montreal for the Canadian Pacific Railway. For the last year Mr. Peers has held the position of district master mechanic at Vancouver and will leave for Montreal on Friday.

Spoken By Wireless

December 23, 8 p.m.—Shipping:
MONTREAL MARU, bound Seattle, 100 miles from Seattle.
BOLIVIER, bound Vancouver, 340 miles from Cape Flattery.
EMPEROR OF ASIA, Yokohama to Victoria, 1,510 miles from Victoria.
EMPEROR OF JAPAN, Victoria to Honolulu, 1,510 miles from Victoria.
CANADIAN MILLER, bound Halifax, 117 miles from Port Alberni.
ROMAN STAR, bound Westminister, 141 miles from Port Alberni.
ADMIRAL SEEBER, bound Seattle, 107 miles from Seattle.
CANADA, bound San Pedro, 572 miles from San Pedro.
CANADIAN PRINCE, Montreal to Victoria, 530 miles from Cape Flattery.
AFRICA MARU, Vancouver to Yokohama, 121 miles from Vancouver.
HAWAII MARU, Yokohama to Victoria, 60 miles from Victoria.
HAWAII MARU, Yokohama to Victoria, 60 miles from Victoria.
QUEBEC, bound Bahia, 450 miles from Port Alberni.

December 24, 12 noon—Weather: Bitter, cloudy; southeast; strong; 29.98; 44; sea, heavy swell.
Fog: Cloudy; southeast; light; 30.01; 42; sea, light swell.

Youbou Scholars Are Entertained

Youbou, Dec. 24.—The entire population of Youbou attended the Christmas tree entertainment which was held on Saturday evening in the Community Hall. The concert was furnished by the pupils of the school under the direction of the teacher, Miss McCall. The children's songs at the piano, Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Southin and Mrs. Kier were in charge of the supper, which was served during the evening. Santa Claus, who was impersonated by Mr. de Bru, presented each child with gifts from the handsomely decorated tree. Dancing concluded the event.

EUROPE TOUR IS ARRANGED FOR SUMMER

Dr. Clem Davies Again to Lead Party of Victorians on Continental Tour
Mrs. Harold Palmer Will Lead Tourists to Orient

Two tour parties will leave Victoria next summer, one bound for the Orient and the other bound for Europe. The Orient tour that Mrs. Harold Palmer will lead, sailing from Victoria July 9 aboard the Japanese motor liner *Hiye Maru*, has already been announced.

Today comes the definite announcement that Dr. Clem Davies will again lead a tour to Europe, leaving this city early in July and sailing from New York on board the line *Saturna* July 9.

Both Mrs. Palmer and Dr. Davies took the same tour last year but in 1921 their itineraries will be considerably enlarged.

The Italian liner *Saturna* has again been chosen by Dr. Davies for his tour, so happy was his party aboard that ship last year. The first port of call in Europe will be at Gibraltar on July 16. Then the ship will call at Algiers, then the party will disembark at Naples for the tour through Europe. Two days will be given in Naples and two days in Rome before Florence is reached. Then the party will go to Venice, Vienna, Prague, Dresden and Leipzig before reaching Berlin where two days will be spent. Amsterdam and Brussels come next on the itinerary, before the party crosses the English Channel to London where the tour will break up. Members of the tour party will have their own choice of returning to North America and may visit in Paris and London before returning across the Atlantic.

Large Eel Shipment Arrives at Naples For Christmas Feast

Naples, Italy, Dec. 24.—Eight hundred eels arrived here today from Seattle, Canada, for the Neapolitan Christmas Eve dinner. Ten schooner boats with the eels swimming in cages have been a necessity of the Christmas Eve feast of citizens here. The schooners are special fish-carrying vessels in which water flows in and out through minute holes, permitting the eels to swim around and keeping them alive. They were fished up from the schooners in special basket nets.

PILOT'S LOOK OUT

Rochelle, docked Victoria from San Francisco last night, proceeded to James Island, 2 a.m.
Bryne, passed Victoria, outbound, 3.15 a.m.
Hikawa Maru, docked Victoria from Orient port, 5.45 a.m.; proceeded to Seattle, 8 a.m.
Hawaii Maru, docked Victoria from Orient port, 8.15 a.m.; proceeded to Seattle, 9.30 a.m.
Dorothy Alexander, due Victoria from Seattle, 10 p.m.; to sail for California ports midnight.

Hawaii Maru And Rochelle Docked Here Early To-day

Japanese Ship Brought Light Cargo From Orient; Rochelle From California

From ports in China and Japan, the O.S.K. liner *Hawaii Maru* docked at the Hithet pier this morning at 8.15 o'clock and proceeded to Seattle at 9.30 o'clock.

There were no passengers aboard for Victoria and only about twenty-five tons of general cargo were discharged at the Hithet pier.

For Seattle the *Hawaii* had eleven first-class passengers and eight steerage, as well as an average general cargo. Capt. T. Narita, master of the ship, reported a fair trip with a little rough weather in mid-Pacific.

Another ship here this morning was the Kingsley freighter *Rochelle* which docked at Ogden Point pier shortly after midnight from California ports and after discharging general cargo proceeded at 2 o'clock to James Island, local agents, went to James Island aboard the *Rochelle* and returned to Victoria by way of Saanich this afternoon.

British Freighter Runs Hard Aground Off Florida Coast

Ss. Jameson Awaiting Arrival of Tugboat Near Jupiter, Florida

New York, Dec. 24.—The MacKay Radio to-day received information the British freighter *Jameson* was aground seven miles south of Jupiter, Fla., and was calling for assistance.

The MacKay Station intercepted another message at 5:05 a.m., saying the tug *Peru* was on the way to the *Jameson's* assistance from Fort Lauderdale, Fla. The *Jameson* was then on the beach, shipping water badly.

West Palm Beach, Fla., Dec. 24.—The British freighter *Jameson*, aground five miles north of Jupiter light, reported at 12:30 a.m. (4:45 a.m. Victoria time), it would need no assistance prior to the arrival of a coastguard boat en route from Fort Lauderdale. The *Jameson* was built at Newcastle, England, in 1924, and has a gross tonnage of 3,585. She is owned by the Kaye Steam Navigation Company and her home port is London.

HIKAWA MARU HERE TO-DAY FROM ORIENT

Brought in Fair Number of Passengers and Average Cargo

Captain Reports Rather Rough Crossing From Yokohama

Completing a rather rough voyage from ports in China and Japan, the N.Y.K. motorliner *Hikawa Maru* docked at the Ogden Point pier this morning at 5.45 o'clock and proceeded to Seattle shortly after 8 o'clock. Capt. S. Akiyoshi, master of the liner, said his ship went through several days of extremely rough weather while crossing the North Pacific, but she docked here on schedule time.

The *Hikawa Maru* brought in a fair list of passengers. Of a total of fifty-two, twelve tourist cabin and two steerage passengers disembarked here. The tourist cabin passengers leaving here were R. E. Jones, a merchant of Winnipeg, en route to that city from a business trip to Japan and China; R. E. Jones, a missionary, accompanied by Mrs. Jones; Miss L. E.



CAPT. S. AKIYOSHI

Phare and Miss M. Phare, two returning missionaries from China, and G. R. Teuch, a missionary from Kobe. Among the eight first-class passengers who proceeded to Seattle, ahead of the ship, were W. E. Anderson, a mining engineer, accompanied by Mrs. Anderson and J. G. Gunter, also a mining engineer, three Chinese students en route to universities in the eastern States, and one Japanese business man. Tourist passengers for Seattle included T. D. Andrews, a marine engineer, with Mrs. Andrews; C. D. Bille, a customs officer from Hankow, China, and a number of Japanese residents of Seattle and Portland returning to their homes there after trips to their former homes in the Orient.

There was a fair amount of cargo aboard the ship to-day. For Victoria the *Hikawa* had 125 tons of general, including sixty bales of raw silk for trans-shipment to eastern Canada over Canadian lines. Seattle received about 2,000 tons of general, most of which will be trans-shipped to other points in the United States.

PLANE READY AT COURTENAY FOR NEW TEST

Special to The Times
Courtenay, Dec. 24.—Repairs have been completed to the Courtenay Aerial Transportation Company's plane, which crashed last week and was slightly damaged by fire.

All is now ready for another air test, which will be made at the first favorable opportunity.

Every precaution is being taken by Capt. L. R. Kirby, the designer, and Pilot J. J. Sankey, to ensure a satisfactory test.

Merry Christmas Mary Christmas

Superior, Wis., Dec. 24.—It will be a merry Christmas in the Christmas household when Mary Christmas comes home for Christmas, William Christmas, her father, said to-day. And not only Mary, but Cecil Christmas, and Mary Cecil Christmas will join Mother and Father Christmas in the Christmas home.

So also will Herbert A. Rogn, who last year married Mary Christmas, so now there is no Mary Christmas in the Christmas home except at Christmas.

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B.C. COAST STEAMSHIP SERVICES

Poison Fog Reports In Belgium Unfounded
Brussels, Dec. 24.—Official assurances were given to-day that there had been no recurrence in Belgium of the "poison fog" of two weeks ago. It was explained the death of a worker at Tilleur yesterday was due to accidental inhalation of gas while he was doing repair work.

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Feb. 30 Montclair
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Mar. 19 Minnedosa

FROM VANCOUVER AND VICTORIA

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*Jan. 3 Mar. 14 Empress of Asia
*Jan. 17 Mar. 28 Empress of Canada
*Jan. 31 April 11 Empress of Russia
*Feb. 28 April 25 Empress of Japan
*Including call at Honolulu

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Leave Vancouver 10.30 A.M.—12 Midnight
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Deep Sea Movements

TO ARRIVE

HIKAWA MARU—China and Japan, Dec. 24.
HAWAII MARU—China and Japan, Dec. 24.
PRESIDENT MCKINLEY—Philippine Islands, China and Japan, Dec. 25.
EMPEROR OF ASIA—Philippine Islands, China and Japan, Dec. 27.
AORANGI—Sydney, Auckland, Suva and Honolulu, Jan. 2.
PACIFIC PIONEER—United Kingdom, Jan. 7.
HELAN MARU—China and Japan, Jan. 7.
EMPEROR OF CANADA—Philippine Islands, China and Japan, Jan. 9.
PRESIDENT GRANT—Philippine Islands, China and Japan, Jan. 9.
PACIFIC ENTERPRISE—United Kingdom, Jan. 11.
PRESIDENT CLEVELAND—Philippine Islands, China and Japan, Jan. 11.
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA—Philippine Islands, China and Japan, Jan. 24.
YOKOHAMA MARU—China and Japan, Jan. 27.
PRESIDENT—United Kingdom, Jan. 31.

TO SAIL

PACIFIC EXPORTER (from Vancouver)—United Kingdom, Dec. 27.
SHIDZUKA MARU—Japan and China, Dec. 27.
PRESIDENT JACKSON—Japan, China and Philippine Islands, Dec. 27.
EMPEROR OF ASIA—Honolulu, Japan, China, Philippines, Jan. 3.
HAWAII MARU (from Vancouver), China and Japan, Jan. 7.
AORANGI—Honolulu, Suva, Auckland and Sydney, Jan. 7.
PACIFIC PIONEER (from Vancouver)—United Kingdom, Jan. 10.
PRESIDENT MCKINLEY—Japan, China and Philippine Islands, Jan. 10.
EMPEROR OF CANADA—Honolulu, Japan, China and Philippines, Jan. 17.
HELAN MARU (from Vancouver)—China and Japan, Jan. 17.
PACIFIC ENTERPRISE (from Vancouver)—United Kingdom, Jan. 24.
PRESIDENT GRANT—Japan, China and Philippine Islands, Jan. 24.
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA—Honolulu, Japan, China and Philippines, Jan. 31.

Coastwise Movements

SEATTLE-VICTORIA

Prince Rupert arrives Victoria daily at 7 a.m.
Princess Charlotte leaves Victoria daily at 3.45 p.m.; arrives Seattle 8.30 a.m.
Princess Kathleen arrives Victoria daily at 1.15 p.m.
Prince Rupert leaves Victoria daily at 6.45 a.m.

VICTORIA-VANCOUVER

Prince David leaves Victoria at 8.30 a.m. daily.
Princess Kathleen leaves Victoria daily at 2 p.m.
Princess Joan or Princess Elizabeth leaves Victoria daily at midnight.
Princess Charlotte arrives Victoria daily at 3 p.m.
Prince Rupert arrives Victoria at 5.45 p.m. daily.
Princess Joan or Princess Elizabeth arrives daily at 7 a.m.

VICTORIA-FORT ANGELES

Princess Kathleen leaves Victoria daily at 10.15 a.m.
Princess Joan or Princess Elizabeth leaves Victoria daily at 9 a.m.

NANAIMO-VANCOUVER

Leaves Nanaimo daily at 7 a.m. and 2.15 p.m.; arrives Vancouver daily at 9.15 a.m. and 4.30 p.m.
Leaves Vancouver daily at 10 p.m. and 5.45 p.m.; arrives Nanaimo daily at 12.15 p.m. and 8 p.m.

PRINCE RUPERT-ALASKA

Princess Norah leaves Vancouver 9 p.m. Dec. 11, Dec. 20, Jan. 8 and Jan. 22.
Princess George leaves Vancouver every Monday evening for Stewart, Prince Rupert and way points.

WEST COAST

Princess Marjanna will sail on the first, eleventh and twenty-first of each month at 11 p.m.

SALT SPRING ISLAND

Ferry Co. Peck leaves Swartz Harbor 8.15 a.m. and 3 p.m.; leaves Salt Spring Bay 9.30 a.m. and 4.15 p.m.

Moonrise and Moonset

Day	Rises	Sets	Phases
24	11.14 a.m.	9.05 p.m.	
25	11.42 a.m.	8.15 p.m.	
26	11.47 a.m.	7.19 p.m.	
27	12.00 p.m.	6.25 p.m.	
28	12.19 p.m.	5.25 a.m. First on 29th	
29	12.28 p.m.	4.28 a.m.	
30	12.42 p.m.	3.45 a.m.	
31	1.00 p.m.	2.57 a.m.	